

Billy Parkins, '70, dies day before birthday

Edward William "Billy" Parkins, Jr., '70, passed away at the Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg on 1 February 2012, the day before his 62nd birthday. Bill was the son of the late **Colonel Will Parkins, '35**, long time AMA post adjutant. Bill, Jr. was inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame in 2010 as a salute to his unparalleled loyalty to AMA and VMI.

Details on page 25.

How "all good men came to the aid"

For many years, fledgling typists would execute a typing drill by keying "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country." A modern day version of that phrase is what happened when our loyal alumni and friends heard that the Foundation was headed for a deficit for calendar year 2012.

Ed Click, '50, mailed a First Class letter in November to everyone on the AMA mailing list to be certain that the *Bayonets* and other mailings are going to the correct address. In that letter – almost as an aside – he said that we were headed for a \$20,000 deficit for 2011 unless there was an enthusiastic infusion of funds by the end of the year.

Then, the mail began to arrive. By 31 December, nearly \$30,000 had come in from AMA alumni and friends. We ended the year in the black and also were able to pay for the installation of a \$6,000 heat pump which is calculated to save as much as 50 per cent on our gas bill annually.

Says Foundation Chairman **Bob Bradford, '50**, "We were overwhelmed with the response but really not too surprised that so many good men *and women* came to the aid of their school. We start the new year hoping that this support can continue through 2012 when another deficit will be faced if contributions don't measure up."

Bradford said that for the next few years while efforts progress to get the museum accredited (which will put it in shape to receive both government and private grants), "We must count on our folks to step up to the plate and fund our commitments."

Thirty percent of those who got Ed Click's letter responded, as well they should since enclosed there was a self-addressed stamped envelope and all one had to do was check a box on the letter, stick it in the envelope and drop it in the mail. "Still seven out of ten have yet to reply and we need to hear from you fellows," Bradford says.



THE MAIN EXHIBIT ROOM at the AMA Museum is filled with displays and items depicting AMA's history, particularly from 1900 until the school closed in 1984. In addition, several small temporary exhibits are mounted in the display cases in the foreground.

Read all the details about the 2012 reunion!

**General Nicholson
back to Afghanistan**



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Winter 2012

Dear AMA Brothers,

At Reunion 2009, I was elected to the office of President of the Alumni Association and I will serve until the end of Reunion 2012. Hence, this will be my last "President's Letter" that will appear in the *Bayonet*.

When elected to the position in 2009, many of you pointed out the need for our Alumni Association to be run as a business, which is something I have endeavored to do over the last two and a half years. It has been my goal to continue and improve on the standards that were set by those that preceded me. I have received and I am grateful to the tremendous help received from many of you. Your help has allowed us to succeed not only in organizing some incredible reunions but bringing in badly needed funds to help defray the operating costs of the organization.

From having Fishburne Military School put on a special parade on our front field honoring the AMA Alumni at R2010; the retirement and decommissioning of our beloved Roller Rifles, the AMA/TAFSP tribute to a fallen Virginia soldier along with Dana Bowman-Mike Elliot and our own **Doug Pennock, '72**, skydiving from 10K feet to our front field at R2011 and General Longstreet's Corps reenactors (formerly led by the late **Charlie Hillsman, '72**) taking us back to the very beginnings of our schools founding at the coming reunion, it has been an incredible ride for all of us.

It is vital that all of us continue to generously invest in our organization through tax deductible monthly and annual donations. It costs over \$115,000.00 annually just to keep the doors open and operate our Alumni House/Museum, give scholarships and publish *The Bayonet*. It has been a struggle to survive these last couple of years from what has been the worst economic slide since the Great Depression. We need to be thankful for those that have reached deep into their pockets to help us cover the basic needs of our organization.

Treasure, however, is not the only thing we need. We need your time and your talent. As we look at the dwindling number of active alumni, the responsibilities of running and sustaining your Association and Foundation falls in the hands of fewer and fewer volunteers. It saddens me that with so many AMA Alumni residing within one hour driving time of our campus, we cannot get them to volunteer for even a few hours a month. If this shoe fits, will you please consider lending a hand?

In addition, we need for the younger generations of AMA Alumni to step forward and take an active leadership role in the Association and Foundation. We have been blessed with many young, smart and energetic alumni who need to come forward now with new visions and ideas. It is extremely important that we consider new concepts and if deemed worthwhile develop the right policies to implement those ideas. For the past 10-15 years, just a few men have unselfishly given and sacrificed a lot of their time to run this organization. Many are tired and burnt out. I believe that it is now the time that we pass on the leadership baton to the younger generation of alumni and so I make a call to the classes from 1967 to 1984 to step forward and get involved.

In closing I want to thank all of you for your invaluable support over the last two and half years and look forward to personally expressing my appreciation to you at R2012.

With every good wish,

Jorge P. Rovirosa, '70
Miami, Florida

President, AMA Alumni Association



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1935
(JULIAN QUARLES)

Julian Quarles celebrated his 95th birthday on 15 January and received many birthday cards from his host of AMA admirers. We offer our sincere congratulations to this hero of World War Two and loyal alumnus. The walkway that leads to the AMA Museum is named in his honor.

1941
(NONE)

John Adams lives in Sayre, PA and says he has visited the AMA Museum several times. *"Keep up the good work!"* says he.

1943
(EARL CABANISS)

Bob Guggenheimer writes from Madrid that he has a number of e-mail addresses but prefers to get mail at the address below. He is recovering from having stents replaced in his arteries after heart surgery.

[guggenheimer@movistar.es]

1944
(NONE)

Colonel Richard Hobbs lives in Sparks, NV and is just finishing a new book *Death by a Thousand Cuts: How We Are Losing the American Dream*. He was distressed to hear about the passing of **Colonel Bill Grace, '50** *"who I had just seen in San Antonio."*

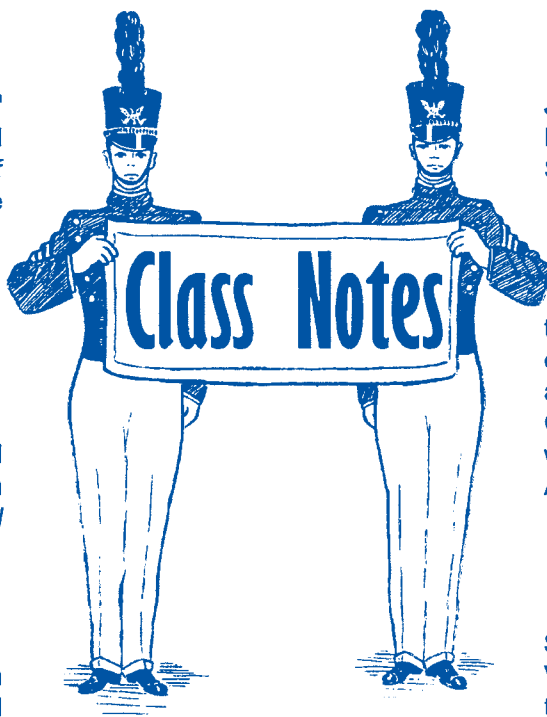
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Melvin Wolfberg is now living in Port St. Lucie, FL.

Dr. Don Elston's widow, Shirley, says that Don always told her that his one year at AMA was the best school year he ever had. Always good hearing from you, Shirley, and we miss you at the reunions. She lives in Flagstaff, AZ.

1945
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Eugene Green lives in Norfolk *"but spent most of my life away from here for schooling and service in the Army."* He spent 31 years with a quasi-government organization after graduating from UNC.



1946
(NONE)

Jimmy Dean, who is an orchardist in Largo, FL, fell and broke his hip in September. He hopes to be back driving his car soon. Take care of yourself, Jimmy.

Colonel Jimmy Pigg went through the removal of an adenocarcinoma lung cancer a year ago but says he is now all clear and his energy has returned. Glad to have that good news! Jimmy was First Captain his senior year at AMA and graduated from West Point.

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1947
(MIKE WELCH)

Stillman Chesson lives in Sandyhook, VA near Goochland. He remembers the Apple Blossom Festival Parade in Winchester *"for two years straight beating that dang bass drum in the longest parades I have ever been in."*

Clark Campbell says that the late **Bob Spilman, '45**, was responsible for his attending AMA. (Spilman later became Clark's daughter's father-in-law) Clark remembers that in the late '40s, on their way to Washington **Mike Welch, '47**, had the radio on and Ernie Ford sang *"Smoke, Smoke, Smoke that Cigarette."* Says Clark, *"Mike was smoking at the time and so was I. When I quit 40 years later, it was the happiest day of my life."*

Wilson Harrell writes from Newport News that he enjoys *The Bayonet* and asks us *"to keep it coming."*

Colonel Sam Conley writes from Sierra Vista, AZ that he is still *"going strong"* and says he *"could not do without The Bayonet."* Thanks, Sam.

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Roberto Suero just celebrated his 80th birthday with his sons having given him a surprise party. The Sueros have lived in Coral Gables, FL since 1986. After Roberto left Cuba in 1960 with his wife, they lived in Ohio for 12 years and for another 12 in Vero Beach. He retired in 1994.

Alex Wattay, '53, has a unique ANC experience

Al Wattay and Diane visited his older brother's grave in the Arlington National Cemetery last fall. Paul Wattay, like Alex, had been a Navy pilot.

While they were there, Alex and Di decided to visit the graves of **Colonel Rutland Beard, '42**, and Mrs. Beard. It was Lucille Beard who suggested to Alex's parents that he go to AMA.

As they turned to leave, Alex spotted an AMA item taped to the back of a nearby tombstone. When they looked at the other side of the headstone, they discovered that it was the grave of **Jason Arnette**, the American Fallen Soldier who was honored at the 2011 reunion! Jason was killed in action on 1 April 2007 in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

(See the story about Christmas wreaths at ANC on page 49)

The Wattays' grandson, Joshua, is a Marine and was attached to Company B at 8th and I in Washington until recently. He is now at Camp Lejeune.

Harry May tells us that Jane's mother passed away last summer at age 102. Harry was at the 2011 reunion to help decommission the Roller Rifles (of which he was the first Commander) but Jane could not accompany him because of her mother's illness.

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1948

(ERNIE CLICK)

Dick Steele was the Drum Major his senior year at Augusta and roomed with **Ernie Click**, **Johnny Siebold** and **Weylen Sellers** at Number 12 in the Tower. Dick turned 82 this past April and says that his health is good.

Jerry Izenberg, prize winning sports journalist, is living in Henderson, NV and loving it there. He is working on his latest book, this one about former NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle who Jerry knew very well over many years. "it will be a tome," says Jerry who expects his book to be in print in time for Super Bowl 2013.

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John Larus, one of the original organizing directors of the Powhatan County, VA Central Bank of Virginia, has retired from the board of the Central Virginia Bankshares holding company and of the bank subsidiary. John served as Chairman of the Board for nearly 20 years and is now Chairman Emeritus.

Ernie Click and Marge had a grand trip to the Southwest visiting New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado in their Queen Mary size RV. Through the winter, they will RV with friends from the Palm Coast Flagler Beach Club and plan to make it all the way to California later this year.

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1949

(FRANK SPENCER)

Chuck Pine let us know that he enjoyed the last issue. Many thanks to you, Chuck! He lives in Winchester where



NICK FOTINOS, '46 - Nick's widow, Clarice, and their son, Anthony, visited the museum on Veterans Day. They enjoyed looking at the 1946 Recall.

he lived when he was an AMA cadet. "I am still missing my wife 100 per cent of the time," he says. Come to the reunion, Chuck, and be with your AMA friends!

Win Lora and Cynthia live in Medford, OR where they retired after he taught for 38 years in Palo Alto, CA. Win graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1953 and spent three years in the Air Force. He received his teaching credentials from San Francisco State University and an MS in education from Kent State University.

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LTC Jim Council and Mary Alice will miss a reunion for the first time in many years. They are taking their sons on a river cruise in Germany and the only time everyone could go coincides with the dates of Reunion 2012. We will miss them but hope they have a wonderful trip. In the Fall, the Councils attended the reunion of his first flying class in St. Augustine. They live in San Antonio.

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Al Cowell, Jr. is getting ready to

retire from the masonry business in Bozman, MD though he will still run cattle on his 160 acre farm. "Shirley and I have been married 55 years and are making our annual two week trip to Anna Maria Island."

Ed Chauncey broke his back in the Fall but fortunately there was no paralysis "though it has slowed me down," he says. Ed has given up on e-mail but would enjoy hearing from friends at 540/547-9899. He and Bobby live in Culpeper where they had a wonderful antique framing shop. Ed has prepared many lovely items for AMA and he and Bobby worked tirelessly on the preservation of the school's archives.

Richard McLaughlin was hospitalized over the Holidays. Over the past several years, he has had several strokes each of which has taken its toll. Richard is a veteran of World War II having served in Patton's Third Army as it swept across Europe.

Clyde Ramsey has recently moved to Connecticut to be near his son. His new address is Apartment 232, 432 Buck Land Road, South Windsor, CT 06074. Phone 860/432-9303. Clyde formerly lived in Fishersville and has been a loyal volunteer at the AMA Museum.

1950

(TOMMY CLEMENTS)

Jim Lupton celebrated his 80th birthday in London and again later in Minneapolis with his family. After radiation treatments at Duke University, Jim reports that his prostate cancer is gone, thankfully.

Dr. Milt Miller retired two years ago and lives on a farm at Callaway, between Roanoke and Rocky Mount. He and Elizabeth have four daughters and six grandchildren.

Colonel Bill Grace, who died on 18 May 2011, was buried at the Arlington

National Cemetery on 11 October with full military honors.

Bill Paxton was the first to give us the sad news that **Jack Russell** had died. (See Taps on page 41) Bill and Jack were longtime friends growing up next door in Washington, D.C., then rooming together at AMA. After AMA, Bill went into the Air Force for 14 years, then went to NASA working on their worldwide tracking system. He was with NASA for 32 years before he retired. [Mrbillpx32@aol.com]

Ed Click and Sue leave 10 March on a 62 day cruise during which they will visit 14 countries. Bon voyage! [edwin.click@comcast.net]

Hollis Rulon lives in Moorestown, NJ and told us of the death of **George Detwiler**, '50. (See Taps on page 40) [rulonwh@comcast.net]

Jim Starnes and Mary are in their 9th year in Riderwood Village, a Silver Spring, MD retirement community "where we pretend to be aging gracefully along with our Yorkie, Clyde, now 14 and who is still chugging along." [jimstarnes@comcast.net]

1951 (NONE)

Ken Wray retired this past September as a Navy Support Contractor from a US Defense Contractor BAE System. He served in the Navy for 20 years retiring as Command Senior Chief in 1978. Today, Ken is the leading curling ice technician at the National Curling Center in Laurel, MD which is the home of the Potomac Curling Club (www.ciridc.org). He was trained at the Northern Ontario Curling Association. He and Martha have been happily married for 40 years. He met her in Edinburgh, Scotland when he was deployed there in 1970. They live in Gaithersburg, MD. [kwwray@comcast.net]

Fred Suthard has just taken his granddaughter on a trip to The Netherlands. He lives in Fairfax, VA.



MICHAEL BOGER, '53, was a recent visitor to the museum. He lives in Woodbridge, VA.



NICE HAT! - On a Friday, **Ozzie Ferro**, '53, had a pain and two days later they took out his gall bladder and five days after that, he was on a cruise! Way to go, Ozzie!

Rod Willey and his Florida friend, Ruth, went on a seven day cruise out of Bari, Italy visiting six ports and four countries. They are headed for Hawaii as the winter closes in on the Valley. [rswilley@earthlink.com]

Hiram Blake and his wife will celebrate 60 years of marriage in May. They have four children, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Unfortunately, a heart condition has

prevented them from traveling as they once did. "We had Redskins tickets for 45 years but had to give them up." Hiram served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War.

1952 (JIM WHITE)

Roger Messick is busy organizing an Army Ranger reunion in Columbus, GA the week after our reunion. He expects about 60 Rangers and their wives to attend including two Ranger classmates who were company commanders during the Ia Drang Battle in the Vietnam War, both earning Silver Stars. Roger had two tours in Nam as a helicopter pilot. [trmessup@aol.com]

Dr. Ernie Calvo lives in Panama City, FL and practices dentistry there as does his wife. "I keep in touch with AMA by talking with **Manuel Balbis**," says Dr. Calvo. [ernesto@calvodentalstudio.com]

Brian "Corky" Gardner says that he and Lee are enjoying their great-grandchildren Daniel, Keira, Katherine and Abigail. Two years ago, Corky had lung cancer and went through radiation and chemo "with no hair loss and no nausea." Then, he had a collapsed lung after he had broken two ribs but all is well with him now. The Gardners live in Bellevue, WA. [brianleeg@aol.com]

1953 (LEW MUNDIN)

Harold Chow reports from Honolulu that things are going well for him. "I play a tough game of tennis four days a week and feel good for a guy my age." Harold says he stays in touch with **Tomme Gamewell**, **Lew Mundin**, **Alex Wattay** and "**Maweeet**" **Balbis**, all his classmates. He has been married for 54 years and they have four daughters. Harold worked for Pan Am for 42 years based in Honolulu and Miami and retired in 1995. [hkychow@yahoo.com]

Alex Wattay got the extraordinarily



LOST CADET - Pat and Francisco Hernandez, '54, visited the alumni house with their daughter, Tricia. They live in New Jersey and saw our signs on I-81. It was their first time back and they "thoroughly enjoyed" their visit.

good news from his doctors that he is cancer free! Alex says that this proves the power of prayer and he certainly had many going Heavenward on his behalf. Alex and Diane came to Reunion 2011 and thanked so many alumni and friends who had kept him in their prayers.

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Willie Saunders says he has been a "corporate gypsy." After graduating from the University of North Carolina, he worked for Commercial Credit Corporation before serving in the Air Force for four years. "Then, I worked at NSA, back to CCC and ended up in Hawaii. Later I was a bank branch manager in California and ended my career as Western Regional Vice President for Prentice Hall." Willie then opened B&B units in Virginia, Iowa and Minnesota before selling them and going into the antique business in Lynchburg.

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**1954
(KEN HOKE)**

Bob Harris tells us that his dear Kathy has not been well. She was in the ICU for nine days in November with a lung/heart problem and was in a rehab center for a while.

**1955
(NONE)**

Joe Bryant and his wife both retired as tractor trailer drivers for Safeway. He spent two years in the Army.

David Merenick works for Brush Turbo Generators, an international company that rebuilds power plant generators. He lives in Pittsburgh.

**1956
(NONE)**

Franklin McCallister graduated from Shenandoah Junior College and played Valley League Baseball while he was in school. He spent 25 years with Trailways and Greyhound working out of Philadelphia. He is now retired and lives in New Jersey.

**1958
(NONE)**

Jim Lanks went to Roanoke College, spent four years in the Air Force, then got a BS from Capitol College. He then went to work for Goddard as an electrical engineer for 43 years. Jim is married and lives in Annapolis.



DOWN FROM NEW YORK STATE - Mr. and Mrs. Mike Farrell, '63, stopped by on a trip from their home in Binghamton.

Robert Price writes from Corbin, KY that "I attended Augusta for two years and the biggest mistake I made in my life was not finishing at AMA."

Duke Fancher is doing well though he still has to have surgery to repair an aneurysm. He is hoping to get back to Fort Defiance in the Spring and we hope we will see him at the reunion in April.

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Wayne Duffy retired in 2000 from the automotive glass business in Roanoke. He has been married to Patricia for 21 years and they have two sons – David

and Dale – and two granddaughters, Madeline and Morgan. They spend lots of time at their condo in Myrtle Beach. [waynepatd@yahoo.com]

**1959
(DAVE CONRAD)**

Max Lacy, Jr. retired in 2009 after 38 years as Postmaster at Oak Park, VA. He is on the Board of the Madison County Historical Society and grows vegetables for the Madison County Farmers Market. [maxlac@vabb.com]

John Grattan lives in La Crescent, MN. He served in the Marine Corps 1959-65, is married and has five children.

Dave Conrad, after an apparently successful knee replacement, contracted a staph infection resulting in two surgeries to clear it up. Hope that you are doing well now, Dave.

[gramof9@localnet.com]

Bob Battenhouse lives in Denver and works as a part time engineer. He and his wife earned advance degrees in counseling and work with married and engaged couples. He plans to retire this year and focus on counseling.

**1960
(FRANK WILLIAMSON)**

Sonny Hurst spent four years in the Air Force and was discharged in Columbus, GA where he met and married his wife. After 29 years, Sonny retired from the school supply business and now fills his days with fishing and golf. The Hursts now live in Hardyville just outside Deltaville, VA.

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Barnes Townsend is still dairy farming in Manquin, VA.

Peter Vallone lives in Big Canoe, GA (where **Jorge and Kiki Rovirosa** also have a home). Peter is a realtor with Solid Source Realty Company, Inc.

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George Holt is still traveling, his most recent trips being to China, Russia,

Africa, Sicily and Poland and his next travel adventures will be to Antarctica and Africa.

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Frank Williamson lost his brother the day before the Foundation trustees and Association board members arrived in Richmond for their winter meetings. We extend sincere condolences to Frank and his family in their loss. Frank, being the kind of man he is, went ahead with leading a Civil War tour for the visiting alumni while he and Bev hosted them at their lovely home that evening. And on Saturday, Frank attended the Foundation meeting. Thank you, Frank, for your unmatched loyalty to AMA. He and Bev did get some good news on the day of his brother's funeral: Grandson Houston, a teen tennis star, has been admitted to Hampden-Sydney, in part because of the efforts of AMA friend **John Maragon**.

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1961

(JACK STEELE)

Jim Crawford has four children all of whom live in Atlanta and there are five grandchildren. Jim coaches 7th grade football at a coed college preparatory school.

[jfcrawford@me.com]

Ron Reigelman retired after a stroke in 1989. He is living in Concord, NC.

1962

(NONE)

Aquiles "Rod" Rodriguez writes from Skutskär, Sweden to report that he has been living there since 1987 after having married a Swedish lass. He likes *The Bayonet* (thanks!) and gives us a new e-mail address.

[r2yankee@gmail.com]

Tom Blake retired from the Civil Service in 2010 and since has been traveling and spending lots of time working on his Volvos. Tom and Emmie live in Newport News.

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Tom Hartman is head coach of the New Potomac State College Boxing Team. *"It has been over 50 years since I went to VMI and I took our team there in November to spar with the VMI Boxing team. It brought back lots and lots of memories... I plan to be at the reunion this year – it will be my first!"* Tom said he has talked recently with **Ed Burton** and **John Maine** and *"it made me feel just great."* [t.l.hartman@hotmail.com]



P. J. Mattson, '64, his wife and sister-in-law spent an hour looking at exhibits in the AMA Museum and then watched *The AMA Way* in the parlor. It was their first time touring the museum. They live in Swedesboro, NJ.

Bob Ridgeway is a training specialist at the National Emergency Training Center (FEMA) in Emmitsburg, MD.

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John Tiller came to Reunion 2011 with **Randy Many, '61** and *"Randy marched in the last Roller Rifles performance while I cheered him on."* Randy offered congratulations to all who have made our museum such an outstanding treasure!

Bill Keller lives in Cypress, TX and is involved with Cypress Cares, a volunteer organization which puts together "care packages" for our troops in Afghanistan. *"It's a great way to say thanks to the men and women who serve our country in harm's way far*

from home and family," says Bill. He plans to attend his first reunion in April on the 50th anniversary of his graduation from Augusta.

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Bruce Nicholson is once again scanning *Recalls* to put on our web site. At the moment, he is working on the 1968 and 1969 yearbooks. Bruce played volleyball on a 65-and-older team at the National Open Volleyball tournament in Dallas and in the Senior Games at St. George, Utah. He marched in the final Roller Rifles performance at Reunion 2011, then went to Vermont where his son's wife was expecting a baby which came after Bruce had returned home to Santa Fe, NM.

1963

(NONE)

Phil Casey retired last September but still has a small insurance business in Lynchburg and prepares tax returns during tax season, but his major interests now are golf and travel. *"I spent four years in the Navy as a corpsman but never served on a ship. Now, my wife and I have gone on six cruises and are planning another."* Phil keeps in touch with **Mac Coiner, 62**, and **Don**

Everitte, '63, and visited Don in Florida last year.

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Dave Lowman was a teacher before going into the trucking industry. He was at Smith's Transfer for 15 years and an equivalent time with Consolidated Freightways. Dave, who lives in Staunton, has been married 39 years, has three children and seven grandchildren.

John Corriere is retired and works as a player assistant at Black Bear Golf Club in Stockholm, NJ. He and Eileen, married for 30 years, have a son, Jonathan, who is PGA Pro at Crystal Springs, NJ. John owned a five state delivery service for two decades.

Wayne Sawyer attended Elon College, got married and had three sons. He had a career in the construction business building shopping centers, office buildings and housing subdivisions. In 1988, he moved to Richmond to join the family business as Vice President of Richmond Fairgrounds Raceway converting it to a three-quarter mile International Speedway. They sold the speedway to NASCAR in 1999 and Wayne retired to Virginia Beach *"to watch our five grandchildren grow into special individuals."*

**1964
(NONE)**

Bob Worthington was on the national champion AMA rifle team and still shoots muzzle loaders and Civil War era firearms. He is in the North-South Skirmish Association, a member of Company E, 3rd Virginia Infantry. Until six years ago, Bob lived in the West (California, Hawaii and Washington State). He is now with his sister in Alexandria but plans on returning to Washington State where his two sons and grandchildren live. *"My web site will tell you about my life as a gunsmith, boat builder, teacher, photographer and musician."*

[www.greyhavenarms.com]

**1965
(BOB WALTON)**

Harold "Sandy" Sandifer, Jr. did a hitch in the Navy after AMA and was homeported at Pearl Harbor on a destroyer which supported ground troops in Nam. He is retired from a government job and has been married for 41 years *"to the greatest girl in the world."* Sandy remembers that he used to give **Colonel Livick** "fits" with explosions at unauthorized times in unauthorized places. Sandy just got the bad news that he has Stage 3 lung cancer and has begun treatment. He lives in Virginia Beach. We are thinking about you, Sandy, and wishing you only the best.

Frank Becker has retired as a police sergeant in the Howard County, MD Police Department. He is living on Lake Hartwell, SC at Westminster.

**1966
(NONE)**

Mitch Zinder hopes to retire in a few years. He has been married for 41 years and their younger daughter graduated from UVA, then got a masters degree from American University. Their older daughter graduated from JMU and moved to Paris 15 years ago where she received a masters from the University of Paris. She is a master chef and teaches at a culinary school in the French capital.

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Richard Downey is a lawyer in Fairfax, VA and is a board certified civil trial advocate. He is serving as Brigade Commander (Colonel) in the Virginia Defense Force (Black Horse Brigade). Richard is in Who's Who in American Law.

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ON DUTY - Scott Travers, '70, from Montross, VA volunteered at the museum over a December weekend. He enjoyed Saturday evening with Colonel and Mrs. Livick. He is shown above with a museum visitor.



OFF DUTY - Karl Haleamau, '71, from Coupeville in Washington State visited with Alumni Association President Jorge Rovirosa, '70, in Miami.

David Beatty, Jr. retired after 30 years from the Charlotte/Mecklenburg Police Department. He now lives in Blowing Rock, NC and spends the winters in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Matt Bradbury continues to referee amateur hockey games in the D. C. area. His son, Troy, is a junior at James Madison and plays defense on the club hockey team. During tax season, Matt works for a major tax preparation firm. He lives in Springfield, VA. (See **OOPS** on page 30)

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Barry Weeks is an independent financial advisor in Gray, GA.

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**1967
(MAC MCGINNIS)**

Rob Carson has retired from Verizon after 37 years and says he is busier than ever. He lives in Midlothian, VA.

[rob3810@verizon.net]

Bayliss Sharp writes from Richmond that his wife, Diane, passed away on 24 October 2009. So sorry to hear about your loss, Bayliss.

Rick Smail has been fretting about what to do in two years when he is too old to legally fly for the airlines.

Names in parentheses under each year indicate the Class Agent for that year

He thinks he found the solution when he joined the Flagship Detroit Foundation which owns and operates a DC-3 which was originally delivered to American Airlines in 1937. The plane flies around the country to air shows and Rick is scheduled to be a crew member starting this Spring.
[ricksmail@earthlink.net]

Stephen Bailey is recovering from successful surgery to remove a cancerous prostate and says that "my progress looks very good." He lives in Fairfax City.
[s.bailey48@verizon.net]

Terry Corbitt writes from Omaha that he retired two years ago and that his wife of 48 years retired last June. "I want to bring my wife to AMA in the near future," he says. "AMA gave me the confidence to succeed in college and in life and I will ever be grateful."

**1968
(GORDON METZ)**

Tom Johnson is a golf professional having designed two courses and assisted Rees Jones with another. He presently is the Pro and General Manager at The Links at Cotton Valley in Tarboro, NC. He has two children: Kent who lives in Raleigh and Kate who resides in New Bern, NC.
[golfproplus73@hotmail.com]

Harry Orenstein retired from Xerox in 2007 after 20 years and moved to the Sarasota, FL area where he is the General Counsel of Boar's Head Brand, a company which manufactures delicatessen products.

**1969
(NICKY SYROPOULOS)**

Rex Rumley broke his ankle and three weeks after that, underwent surgery to remove three tumors which were pressing against nerves in his back. "I have recovered well from both and am hoping that my doctors have all their car and boat payments made."
[rex183@insight.rr.com]

Todd Sinclair wishes that he had



BACK ON TOP - We were all glad to see our Bugler Phil Myers, '71, and his wife, Maeve, when they visited the museum in October. Phil recently had back surgery and is doing very well.

attended AMA until he graduated "but that wasn't possible." Todd recently got in touch with **Jorge Rovirosa, '70**, and is back on our mailing list. Unfortunately, he is receiving Social Security disability payments and we are hoping that all will be well with him. Todd lives in Westernport, MD. (See story on page 32)
[todd@toddllorensinclair.com]

Nicky Syropoulos reports that he has talked by phone with **Coach Ralph Sassaman** who has cancer. Nick is asking all who played for Coach Sassaman to give him a call of encouragement at 302/740-4381.
[syropoulos4@msn.com]

Greg Wolff was one of several alumni to suggest that *The Bayonet* be available by e-mail. It is, Greg, on the AMA web site: AMAAlumni.org. Just go to the site, select "Bayonet" and pick the issue you want to read. Greg lives in Bakersfield, CA.

Bill Baeder, III lives in Cottontown, TN where he and Linda recently celebrated their 38th anniversary. Linda went to the Final Ball with Bill his senior year. [billama69@aol.com]

**1970
(HARRY CAMPBELL)**

Jorge Rovirosa will complete his third year as President of the AMA Alumni Association and will not run for re-

election in April. Jorge, we owe you a lot for all that you have accomplished! Jorge and Kiki are proud of their four grandchildren and their oldest daughter is due to have a baby on Father's Day! Jorge can tell you what it means when a business such as his has no power for several days. Jorge's company, Farovi Shipping, has tight schedules to maintain and needs contact with ocean going vessels continuously. "You can't imagine what a hardship this has been for our company and our customers," he said after the power finally came back on.
[Jorge@Farovi.com]

B. J. d'Orsay is the programmer for the Texas Tech Graduate School. He and Jan live in Lubbock, TX. We all owe B.J. so much for constructing and maintaining the AMA web site. When he is not working on AMA related projects, he enjoys model railroading.
[webmaster@amaalumni.org]

Van Rametta and his wife stopped by the museum for a visit. They live in Leesburg, VA. **Sergeant Don Studer** recalls that Van was "the top shooter my first year as coach of the AMA Rifle Team. He taught me the basics of civilian marksmanship and in the process showed me how little I knew. If I had success as a rifle team coach, it started with Van."

Bob Mitchell is a fire marshall in Erie, PA and plans to retire this year. He has his own fire investigative business "which will keep me busy after retirement." Bob's wife, Kathy, teaches and his daughter was teaching in Erie until the city cut 240 jobs. His daughter has wisely gone back to school to get a masters degree. Son Robbie is a junior at Penn State majoring in exercise science. Bob is thankful to AMA for setting him on the right course in his life.

Look at all the Class Notes in this edition! Let your classmates know what you are doing!

Peter Russell lives in Salt Lake City where he is a commodity futures trader with 35 years experience. He is into high performance motorcycle riding and has been to 68 track days at Miller Motorsports Park – ten in a car and 58 on a motorcycle. Peter has been a certified ski instructor for 36 years and says, *"I am very grateful that God has granted me so many favors in my life. I attribute any success I have had to the lessons I learned at AMA."*

1971

(GARRY GRANGER)

Garry Granger had a major health scare just before Christmas. Nine years ago, he had a hip replacement and as he was hopping off and on a high pickup truck in Arizona in December, an intense pain in his hip began. So he beat a retreat to Dallas to see the doctor who did the implant. Garry was hospitalized immediately and had surgery 16 December to neutralize a dangerous infection which had developed and to replace the ball in the hip. He had to undergo a second surgery when the infection persisted and was put on an antibiotic drip for six weeks. He spent Christmas in the hospital and finally went home on New Year's Eve where he is continuing to recover. Many of us are wishing you well, Garry.

[garryfresh@verizon.net]

Kevin Manning writes from New Market, MD that, *"My time at AMA was one of the worst experiences I had growing up."* Well, Kevin, try coming back to a reunion and get that devil off your back!

Stephen Morisey got married on 11/11/11 at 11 AM and says, *"I think I'll be able to remember the date!"* Congratulations to you both! They will live in Florence, SC.

[smorisey@gmail.com]

1972

(LEWIE KENNETT)

Dr. Manuel Herdade reports from Highland, MI that he and his wife have been medical missionaries in The

Philippines. *"We have been able to do 150 to 170 surgeries a year, including open heart surgery and now also neurosurgery,"* he says.

[manuelherdade@me.com]



FIVE YEARS AT AMA - Larry Maske, '78, came to AMA in the 5th grade and stayed for five years. He now lives in Hyattsville, MD.

Steve Traylor has a new e-mail address. He lives in Germantown, MD.
[steve.traylor3@verizon.net]

Mark Henry Femrite has had a painful attack of shingles beginning in November and continuing into January. No fun at all. **Mark urges every AMA man to get the shingles vaccine which is usually covered by health insurance and/or Medicare.** *"I wish I had known about its existence,"* he says. *"The doctors say that if you ever had chicken pox, you are a prime candidate for shingles which I would not wish on my worst enemy."*

[mfemrite@swva.net]

Mike Kidd sent in money for a year long *Bayonet* subscription and subscribed also for his good friend **Ron "Scootch" Melcher, '71**. Thanks so much, Mike! He lives in Mentor, OH. Mike has reported that Scootch is slacking on his post-stroke therapy.

Mike suggests that Scootch's friends give him a call to encourage him to work hard. Phone 216/741-3391. *"Scootch's boss, Jan, will probably answer,"* says Mike.

[m_kidd@sbcglobal.net]

1973

(JIM ATCHISON & JOE GARRY)

George Dunaway says, *"I enjoy receiving and reading The Bayonet and being able to keep up with my classmates in that way."* He lives in Wichita Falls, TX.

Mitchell Clingempeel has been a courier for the American Red Cross since 2000. He lives in Roanoke.

[clingempeel@usa.redcross.org]

Jeff Clark lives in Erie, PA where he has been territory sales manager for Bimbo Bakeries for the past 19 years. He married his high school sweetheart, Nancy, and they have four children.

[jandnclark@roadrunner.com]

1975

(BRETT THOMPSON)

Andrew Miller attended San Diego State University and received a law degree but his career path veered from law to carpets. He owns Carpet Restoration Plus, Inc. serving 17 Ohio counties from Canton. He and his wife, Maggie, have two children: Ryan, 22, and Heather, 26.

[corpboss1@aol.com]

Fernando Lorenzana accompanied by his wife and two daughters visited the Museum in November. They live in Guatemala and he is Vice President of Agunsa, a large shipping company. Fernando was in F Company when he was an AMA cadet.

[florenzana@agunsa.com.gt]

Bill Bruder is living in Baltimore and said that his training at AMA made his parents very proud. *"I was Captain of Band Company during my senior year and was very fortunate to have Larry Nicholson as Battalion Commander."* Bill was in the Marine Corps for 15 years and served in Beruit as platoon sergeant for a sniper team. He later

retired as a lieutenant from the Maryland Prison System.

**1976
(NONE)**

Kirk Pope, Jr. gives us the unhappy news that his father passed away 21 June 2011 at Rehobeth Beach, DE. We were distressed to get this news, Kirk, and know that your Dad was a big booster of AMA.

[kapj@verizon.net]

Mike Hall is the Compliance/Safety Coordinator at Western State Hospital in Staunton. He has offered to help us at the AMA Museum in any way that he can. Thanks, Mike!

[Michael.Hall@dbhds.virginia.gov]

Mike Payne lives in Rome, GA where he is Senior Emergency Services Instructor for FM Global. He teaches NRA pistol and personal protection classes and is a Master Instructor for the Civilian Marksmanship Program covering M-1s and 03 Springfield, plus modern and vintage military rifles and rimfire sporters.

[mpayneresq@aol.com]

**1977
(NONE)**

Shawn Ogimachi is on an extended leave from Cabrillo University in California until this coming Spring.

[shogimac@cabrillo.edu]

Gene Lewis just celebrated his 25th anniversary working with his father at Lewis Advertising in Rocky Mount, NC. His daughter was married last October and he and his wife will celebrate 30 years this spring.

[llewis@lewisadvertising.com]

George Mineff is an attorney who lives in Rocky River, OH. His son, Nick, just finished his first year of law school at the University of Dayton. His son, Michael, is now a junior at the University of Houston while daughter Marymargaret is a high school senior. His oldest daughter, Lindsey, has graduated from college. *"I thank God and AMA that I can still practice law in Cleveland,"* George says.

**1979
(PAUL KARCH)**

Ed Iskow owns Support Services, Inc. in Richmond, a company repairing and refurbishing airline ground support equipment. He is a private pilot operating out of the Hanover Municipal Airport near Richmond. Ed and Cyndy have two daughters: Rachel, 17, and Joseph, 15. [ed_iskow@verizon.net]

**1981
(NONE)**

Tony Beneventi is Regional Manager for CRTM West, a branch of Coca Cola Refreshments. Tony lives in Foothill Ranch, CA and sent a very nice contribution to the AMA Alumni Foundation.

**1983
(NONE)**

Wayne Kreson tells us that his mother passed away in Mendon, MA. Wayne came back home from California to care for her and we are sorry to hear of her passing. He has a new e-mail address.

[waynereson@rocketmail.com]

**Why do we have so many
Class Notes this time?**

Because you fellows took a few minutes to let your fellow cadets know what you are doing!

When **Ed Click**, '50, sent his letter ascertaining if we have the correct addresses for everyone on our mailing list, he also asked for Class Notes.

Maybe it was because there was a self-addressed, stamped envelope to be used in returning the survey. Whatever the reason, we heard from many fellows who we have not heard from in a long, long time.

To those of you who took time to send us a tidbit, many thanks from your fellow alumni.

To those who did not, there will be another issue of *The Bayonet* after the reunion and we already are looking for more Class Notes from those we just heard from and from the rest of you.

If you want to e-mail, that is so very easy: AMABayonet@aol.com.

Stuart Hall has its 168th anniversary

On the 13th day of January 1844, Stuart Hall received its charter from the Commonwealth of Virginia and the school has had many changes since AMA cadets waited in Old Hall for their beautiful dates to emerge.

Stuart Hall merged with the Hunter McGuire School and now serves grades K-12 plus a pre-K program. The school has an outstanding professional development program and began offering upper school technology classes in the present school year (2011-12).

Mark H. Eastman, Head of School, says he anticipates reaccreditation of Stuart Hall by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools this autumn. He says, *"I am stunned by how much constructive change we have accomplished and I can honestly say that I know of no other school that has confronted similar challenges and has moved forward so positively in these difficult times."*

As recently as 2010, the financial problems facing Stuart Hall seemed insurmountable but alumni and friends contributed more than a half million dollars to keep the school open while approving a long-term plan for its continued operation. The school had a 60 per cent increase in gifts and a 31 per cent increase in the number of donors.

A new athletic director is building a strong league-based athletic program for boys and girls and both campuses (Stuart Hall in Staunton and Hunter McGuire in Verona) have had significant improvements.

Stuart Hall has its alumni weekend the same weekend of the AMA reunion. Those in attendance at the Stuart Hall reunion have been invited to sign up for the AMA Golf Open which will be played on Friday 20 April at the Club at Ironwood, formerly the Staunton Country Club.

The future looks bright for Stuart Hall and all of us at AMA salute the school, its leadership and most of all its students and alumni, many of whom took our teenage hearts away, albeit for a short time for most of us.

Deus tibi benedicas!



-Harry S. Truman

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Museum Assessment application approved

Self assessment due in early May

The AMA Museum's application for the so-called "Museum Assessment Program" (MAP) has been approved, the first step in seeking accreditation from the American Association of Museums (AAM).

There are three types of assessments offered by MAP. AMA applied for the Organizational Assessment, or OMAP, an assessment which reviews all areas of the museum operation. Once the OMAP is completed, all museum personnel (employees, volunteers and trustees) will have a strong understanding of core museum standards and good practices which will support our sustainability.

The AMA Foundation had four months from the time the museum was accepted into the MAP to complete a 60 plus page self assessment workbook and a two-month window after that to host a site visit by a peer reviewer. Says Foundation Chair **Bob Bradford, '50**, "In short, we must complete the self assessment by the first week of May immediately after Reunion 2012. A peer reviewer should have visited the museum by the end of July 2012."

The peer reviewer will be a museum professional who donates his or her time for the betterment of the field. Reviewers receive a small honorarium for their work (which is included in the application fee of \$350) and their site visit can last as much as three days. Foundation Trustee **Dr. Mary DeCredico**, Professor of History at the U. S. Naval Academy, has generously funded the application fee. Eight to ten weeks after the site review, the museum should receive the peer reviewer's written assessment.

Says Museum Executive Director **Crysta Stephenson**, "Upon receiving the report, we are expected to begin implementing the upgrades immediately. We may contact our reviewer for assistance and insight on the how to make necessary changes. The Museum Assessment Program of a written application, self assessment and on-site review is similar to the AAM accreditation system that we hope to participate in eventually. A well-conducted assessment should give us enough feedback to carry us through several years of development beyond MAP."

Particular emphasis will be placed on strategic planning and aligning operations and resources with the museum's mission statement. The following objectives were listed on the AMA MAP application:

- + Increase the museum staff and Board of Trustees' knowledge about the respective roles and responsibilities of the staff, volunteers and the board; to establish museum standards and best practices and why the AMA Museum and Alumni House should adhere to them; and to define the resources available to help the museum particularly in staff development, board development and fund raising.
- + Develop a streamlined, mission-driven organization complete with a basic set of structured policies and procedures that will endure long-term and not vary with the rotation of officers and/or board members and thus prepare the AMA Museum for AAM accreditation.
- + Improve the museum's ability to develop an institutional plan, improve financial stability, care for our collections



CADET ROOM in AMA Museum complete with bunk beds, locker with .03 rifle and tiny desk. This is one of the original museum exhibits which continues to produce nostalgia when alumni visit the museum. Remembering the cold concrete floors and the radiators which came to life each winter morning with hissing and shaking.

and develop partnerships with other military schools and/or alumni organizations.

Dr. DeCredico says, "Our application was strong. We believe that the MAP committee saw how enthusiastic we are and therefore accepted us into the program."

Accreditation by the Association of American Museums will move the AMA Museum into new territory where private and government grants are more readily available.

Says Bradford, "With dedicated trustee Dr. Mary and our Executive Director Crysta we are well poised to accomplish the task we have taken on. Doing so will insure that the AMA Museum will be around for a long time. That, of course, is our intent and that is our commitment to all of our alumni and AMA friends."

Back to basics in 2012

The 2011 AMA Reunion had many moving parts - people jumping out of airplanes, the Roller Rifles last march, a speech by the Secretary of the Army, the presentation of a portrait of a fallen hero. A wonderful event it was!



**But all were exhausted at the end of the weekend and so many said,
"I didn't have time to spend
with my friends."**

So this year, it is BACK TO BASICS!

On its 150th anniversary, the Civil War will be the overarching theme of the weekend. We'll have our Thursday night reception but it will be a cocktail party only since most go to dinner afterwards. There will be golf Friday morning and the annual motor coach tour, this year to the Civil War battlefields at New Market and Piedmont. Friday's Award Banquet will be a streamlined affair. Founder's Day on Saturday will feature an actor in period costume re-living Professor Roller's experiences in and after the war. Saturday's lunch in the gym will hear Dr. Mary DeCredico describe the Valley during the war and have a salute to the late Charlie Hillsman, '71, who organized Confederate reenactors. Speaking of Civil War reenactors, they will have a campout Saturday on campus where those interested can see how the men in gray lived 150 years ago. The Sporting Clay Shoot is back on the schedule Saturday afternoon and Casino Night will be back. The Sunday Fellowship Breakfast will be in memory of Coach Ralph. At noon Sunday, the Roller Riders leave on their annual post-reunion bike trip.



Take part in as many activities as you like and spend time with your old friends while you make some new ones! Time marches on and none of us is getting any younger. Come back to the place you love and spend time with the people you love! TIME is the key word and it's TIME for YOU to come back to AMA!

150th anniversary of Civil War is reunion theme

The aftermath of the American Civil War was the genesis of AMA as **Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr.** came back from four years of service in the Confederate Army to begin teaching soldiers who had missed four years of school. His initial efforts eventually led to the Augusta Military Academy that we all revere.

The next four years will mark significant 150th anniversaries of Civil War battles, many of which were fought in Virginia and one which was fought just a cannon shot from the present day AMA campus.

The Friday motor coach tour will take riders to the Battlefields of Piedmont and New Market. Our expert guide will be **Dr. Mary DeCredico**, Professor of History at the US Naval Academy and a trustee of the AMA Alumni Foundation, an expert on the Civil War. She will explain the significance of the Piedmont Battle near AMA which gave the Union Army control of the upper Shenandoah Valley, sealing the fate of Lee's Army before Richmond. (The first *Bayonet* of 2012 will have a story about the battle).



HOSTESS AND GUIDE - Bev Williamson (Mrs. Frank '60), left, will be the hostess on the motor coach tour and Dr. Mary DeCredico from the US Naval Academy, right, will guide the tours of the Piedmont and New Market Battlefields.



PLAYING PROFESSOR ROLLER - Keene Byrd, '59, will portray AMA's founder at Founder's Day ceremonies on Saturday 21 April in the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery.

Then, the motor coach will travel on to New Market where the VMI cadets helped win one of the last Confederate victories of the War. Lunch will be included on the Friday tour. Sign up on the blue registration form!

On Saturday at Founder's Day in the Stone Church Cemetery, Thespian **Keene Byrd, '59**, will portray Professor Roller as he tells of Roller's experiences before, during and after the War.

This significant presentation is not to be missed.

Throughout Saturday, Civil War reenactors will have an encampment on our campus with tents, horses and all of the paraphernalia of the Confederate Army. The reenactors will parade and invite alumni and friends to tour their camp. On Saturday night, the reenactors will be attending Casino Night in Confederate gray.

At Saturday's lunch, Dr. DeCredico will give an overview of the Valley during the War and the late **Charlie Hillsman, '71**, will be remembered for his efforts to create a reliable cadre of reenactors.

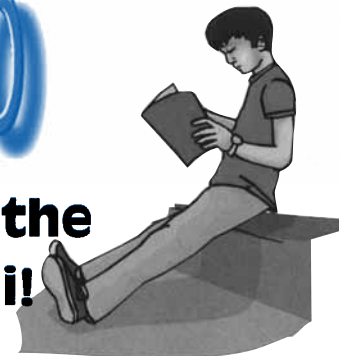
Welcome back to historic Old Virginia!



ENCAMPMENT - Mark Femrite, '71, left, and Nicky Syropoulos, '69, right are shown at a Confederate encampment with guest Steve Traylor, '72. Mark and Nicky will be key players in the encampment on our campus during Reunion 2012.



Three AMA Legacy Scholarships each worth \$2,000



**will be awarded at Reunion 2012 to the
direct descendants of AMA Alumni!**

Students 25 years old or younger who are the direct descendants of AMA alumni (children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren [natural, adopted or step]) may apply for an AMA Legacy Scholarship to attend an institution of learning above the high school level.

**Applications can be obtained on line at
www.AMAAlumni.org,**

by sending an e-mail to:

AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net,

**or by writing to: Scholarships, AMA Alumni House,
P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY
1 MARCH 2012!**

Clay shoot back on

The Sporting Clay Shoot is back on the reunion schedule this year.

It will take place on **SATURDAY 21 APRIL AT 1500** at the Flying Rabbit Range near Harrisonburg where the shoot has been held in the past.

Bring your own weapon or the Flying Rabbit will be glad to furnish one for

you. All are invited to participate – **men, ladies, teens!** Prizes will be awarded.

If you want to shoot, get in touch with **Blaine Clarke, '72**, at 301/540-6455 or at Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net

Ask the people who have shot in the past and you'll learn how much fun it is! Sign up with Blaine.

No Sports Hall of Fame

There will be no new names added to the AMA Sports Hall of Fame at Reunion 2012. The program will be back next year so be thinking about who you would like to nominate for AMA's highest athletic commendation with the induction into the Hall of Fame taking place at Reunion 2013.



SIGN UP FOR CASINO NIGHT AT REUNION 2012! DON'T MISS THE MOST EXCITING NIGHT AT THE AMA REUNION!



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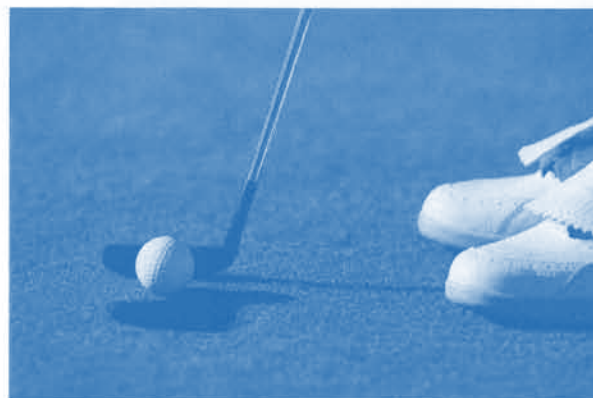


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AMERICAN MONEY! AND IF YOU DO SINK THE
PUTT, AMA GETS \$5,000 TOO!
\$10,000 IN ALL, JUST FOR MAKING A PUTT!**



THE AMA ALUMNI MEDAL

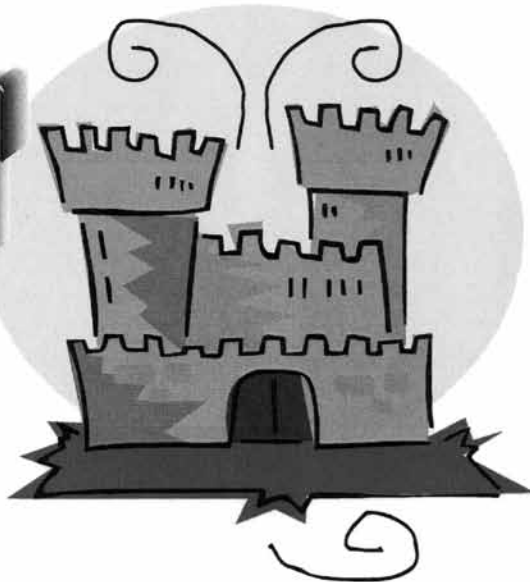


Time to send in your nominations for the 2012 AMA Alumni Medal! The medal or medals will be awarded at Reunion 2012 to those who have done something very special for AMA, either with one "big" effort or a series of smaller acts. Recipients need not be AMA alumni and they may have received a medal in the past. Who will you nominate for this highest of AMA honors? Submit your nomination to: AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net, or by mail to: AMA Medal, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance 24437.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
BY FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2012

The Tower of Power

You will be able to win bottles of Virginia Gentleman on both Friday and Saturday during Reunion 2012! Tickets will be on sale at the Registration Desk and at other venues at the reunion. Prize drawings will take place Friday and Saturday evenings. Be on the lookout for ticket salespersons. They will be on the lookout for you!



The entire purpose of Frank and Bev Williamson's TOWER OF POWER is to raise much needed funds for AMA. Be sure to buy your tickets and lots of them!



THE ALL NEW AMA OPEN

NEW location! NEW prizes! SPECIAL invitation to the ladies and teens!

Playing at **THE CLUB AT IRONWOOD**

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A four-person scramble with all proceeds
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Use every player's tee shot twice. Lowest score wins.

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd and last place

Longest drive Closest to the pin

Mulligans will be for sale at \$10 each

Contact Mickey Toms, '67, at cmtoms@earthlink.net or phone 970/564-5904 to sign up
OR complete and return the registration form, below.

FRIDAY 20 APRIL

Golfers meet at 8 AM - Tee off at 9 AM

FEES: \$100 per person includes 18 holes, greens fees, cart rental, box lunch,
refreshments, "goody" bag and a donation to the AMA Alumni Foundation

IF YOU HAVE A BUSINESS, SPONSOR A HOLE!

If you live near AMA, bring your friends! Bring your wife or best girl! Bring your son or your daughter!

SIGN UP FOR THE 2012 AMA OPEN

Name and Class _____

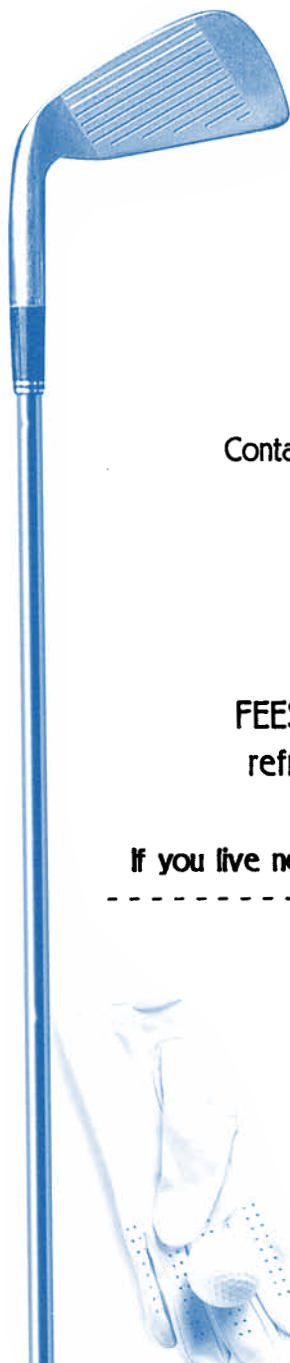
Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____ I'll play with anyone _____

Handicap or last three scores _____ Team me with _____ & _____

We have a foursome _____ and me _____

Make check payable to: AMA Alumni Foundation. Mail form and check to: GOLF, c/o AMA, PO
Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0100. Photocopy will be accepted. Hit 'em long and straight!



Tentative schedule, 2012 Augusta Military Academy Reunion

THURSDAY 19 APRIL

- 1000 Alumni House/Museum open
PX open at the museum
- 1200 - 1600 Early bird registration
Hospitality Room and PX open, Holiday Inn
- 1200 Casual golf tee times
The Club at Ironwood
(formerly the Staunton Country Club)
- 1700 Early arrival cocktails
Attire: Business casual
The CLUB AT IRONWOOD
(formerly the STAUNTON Country Club)

FRIDAY 20 APRIL

- 0800 - 1730 Registration, Holiday Inn
- All day Tower of Power
- 0800 Golfers register,
The Club at Ironwood
- 0900 AMA Open Golf Tournament
The Club at Ironwood
Contact: **Mickey Toms, '67**, at:
cmtoms@earthlink.net
- 0900 Visit to Civil War Battlefields
at Piedmont and New Market
Historical tour and luncheon
Meet in parking lot nearest the PX
Tour guide **Dr. Mary DeCredico, USNA**
Hosted by **Bev and Frank Williamson, '60**
- 0900 - 1830 PX open, Hospitality Tent open
Silent Auction begins, Holiday Inn
- 1000 - 1700 Alumni House/Museum open
- 1530 - 1730 Hospitality Tent open
- 1600 Civil War tour returns
- 1700 AMA Museum closes
- 1730 Hospitality Tent, Registration closes
- 1800 Reception, Banquet Room Hallway,
Holiday Inn – Bar open 1800 - 1900
Reopens after all seated for dinner
- 1900 AMA Awards Banquet
Holiday Inn Ballrooms - *Attire: Coat and tie*
AMA Scholarship Awards
AMA Alumni Medals
- 1900 Hospitality Tent reopens

SATURDAY 21 APRIL

Attire all day: Casual

- 0730 Ham and sausage biscuits, juice
and coffee served outside the
Annual Membership Meeting Room
Jefferson Room, Holiday Inn



- 0730 - 0800 Final registration
outside meeting room
- 0830 Annual membership meeting
Election of directors
followed immediately by
AMA Alumni Board of Directors
Election of officers
- 0900 - 1100 Alumni House/Museum open
- All day **Confederate encampment**
on the campus near Big Barracks
- 0900 PX, Silent Auction open, Holiday Inn
- 1100 Founder's Day ceremonies
Augusta Stone Church Cemetery honoring
Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr
and his Civil War service
Keene Byrd, '59, will portray the Professor
Master of Ceremonies: **Luke Snyder, '60**
- Confederate Reenactor Alumni Color Guard
Confederate Reenactor Honor Guard
- Alumni who have passed on since
Reunion 2011 will be remembered
- Taps by **Bud Oakey, '70**
- Cannon response by Cummings Battery,
Cape Fear Light Artillery
Commanded by **Captain John Butler**
- 1215 Soupy sounds, **Bud Oakey, '70**
- Lunch in AMA Gymnasium
Master of Ceremonies: **Jorge Roviroso, '70**

Presentation of the Colors:
Confederate Reenactor Color Guard

Dr. Mary DeCredico: Civil War in the Valley

Nicky Syropoulos, '69: Tribute to
Charlie Hillsman, '71

White Table and Flag Ceremony

Taps: **Bud Oakey, '70**

*Following lunch, proceed directly to the
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- 2100 . Silent Auction winning bids announced
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Fourth year-long deployment since 2005

General Nicholson back in Afghanistan

Major General Larry Nicholson, '75, USMC is returning to the fight in Afghanistan as Deputy Corps Commander of Operations and Maneuver. In his last assignment there, he was in command of all Marines in the southern part of the country.

General Nicholson had two previous deployments to Iraq including one where he was critically wounded while the Marine beside him was killed. After evacuation to a military hospital in Germany and eventually back to the States, he had numerous surgeries and returned to Iraq as soon as he was physically able to do so.

Larry explains that *"We have in Afghanistan one Army Corps comprised of five divisions: two Army divisions (East and South), one Marine division (Southwest), one Turkish division (Capital) and two NATO divisions led by Germans in the North and the Italians and Spaniards in the West. These six divisions comprise the Corps."*

General Nicholson will be the general officer in charge of all operations and maneuver. He visited Afghanistan before Christmas *"to get a feel for my new assignment."* His new deployment will run from mid-February 2012 until early 2013. *"Deb will remain in Alexandria,"* he says.

When asked about his latest deployment, Larry says, *"I had hoped to be home a bit longer since our first granddaughter is just now beginning to walk, but when the Commandant of the Marine Corps asks you to take on an assignment, you salute and say, 'Yes, sir.'"*

Each AMA man has his heart with you, Larry. The Commandant obviously has chosen the very best man for this most difficult assignment and our hearts swell with pride that our former Battalion Commander has been entrusted to *"move us steadily towards transition to Afghan leadership."*

God go with you, Larry, and bless your family for their unwavering support of you and our dear country.



Major General Larry Nicholson, '75, USMC

Bruce Kemp reports on AMA's Afghan Kids program

Bruce Kemp, a Stuart Hall grad and Fort Defiance High School teacher, is continuing to spearhead the effort to support the Marines and Sailors who are serving in the Musa Qa'leh and Now Zad areas of Afghanistan. This is an extension of AMA's effort to help young people in that beleaguered country.

"Fort Defiance High School adopted an Afghan girls' school in 2010," says Bruce. *"We built and shipped twelve benches for the school so the girls would not have to sit on the floor and we have the jig ready to build more if they ask for them."* Bruce

and her students also shipped four chalk boards, 100 cinch back packs and many school supplies for the students.

The program also includes specific help to the Marines on duty there, *"things to make their lives a little more palatable."* Three microwaves were shipped in December and 25 large cases of Ramen noodles were donated by a Richmond business, Maruchan, Inc.

Bruce says, *"We also shipped a large box of Easy Mac and Cheese and another box of snacks to the Weapons Company in 2/4. They love*

the Mac and Cheese and when it is on sale again, I'll be buying more to send to them.

"You don't hear much about what is going on in Afghanistan these days but our troops are out there every day. The Weapons Company under 1Sgt Andy Goulding has daily incidents. Andy has been involved in four IED attacks but has escaped injury but the 1Sgt of 3/2 was flown home after being hit by an IED."

As the Marines and Sailors in 1/8 return to the country, Bruce is sending them five gallon buckets so they
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FROM ABOVE - Ed Iskow, '79, made a weekend flight from Richmond over AMA to capture the shot, above, of part of the campus. Counter clockwise beginning with Big Barracks are the AMA Alumni House/Museum, the Mess Hall kitchen, J Barracks, the Big Room Academic Complex and the AMA Gymnasium. In the foreground is the Augusta Stone Church. The photo was taken by Mrs. Tarja Leach.

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These are a few of the items to be offered at the Reunion 2012 Silent Auction on Friday and Saturday 20-21 April. The auction always has been a unique opportunity to get some good "stuff" while helping AMA at the same time.

Do you have something of value to put into the auction? You can take a tax deduction for your contribution of items sold in the Silent Auction.

We have some terrific items already **but not nearly enough to make this year's auction the big success it has been in previous years.**

Last year, we raised \$5,300 at the Silent Auction and in our top year we made more than \$7,000.

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AMA Boards meet in Richmond in late January

The AMA Alumni Association Directors and the AMA Foundation Trustees met in Richmond on the last weekend in January to receive updates on Reunion 2012 and to chart the progress of having the AMA Museum accredited by the American Association of Museums (AAM).

Alumni Association President **Jorge Rovirosa**, '70, reported on the upcoming reunion and the attempt to make this year's event a little simpler than last year's busy one. *"The fellows have said that they want more time to be with their old friends and we are trying to accommodate those requests,"* he said.



At the meeting, from bottom left, Phil Bentley, '83, Luke Snyder, '60, Ed Click, '50, Roger Messick, '52, Norvell West, '83, Gordon Metz, '67, Rick Small, '67, and Blaine Clarke, '72. On the Friday before the meetings, Frank Williamson took the early arrivals on an informative tour of Richmond area Civil War battlefields.

Jorge is asking his directors to take on assignments which will help assure the reunion's success.

Foundation Chairman **Bob Bradford**, '50, and **Roger Messick**, '52, led a discussion on fund raising with myriad plans being discussed. Messick and Bradford will get another First Class mailing out to all actives thanking those who have donated recently and challenging others to do the same. Plans are progressing to print a brochure to outline where contributions go and why they are needed.

Executive Director **Crysta Stephenson** spoke to both boards at lunch bringing them up to date on the efforts to get the AMA Museum accredited by the AAM. She reported on our acceptance into the Museum Assessment Program (see page 13) emphasizing how much work has to be done before early May to meet their requirements.

Scholarship Chairman **Phil Bentley**, '83, affirmed that three AMA Legacy Scholarships, each worth \$2,000, will be awarded during Reunion 2012. He also reported on the VMI Scholarships funded by the estate of the late **Bob Spilman**, '45, the Blue Ridge Community College Scholarships funded by **Clyde Ramsey**, '49, and the Roller Scholarships endowed by **Norvell West**, '83.

Foundation trustees approved a new Code of Ethics and a Personnel Policy, each of which is required to be in place for the accreditation process.

Both organizations approved 2012 budgets. Treasurer **Bill Mariner**, '60, forecast a narrow positive for the Alumni Association in 2012 but a potential deficit of up to \$30,000 for the Foundation unless costs are cut or additional fund-

ing is found.

The Foundation approved a final form of its by-laws including all recent amendments adopted. The by-laws will be placed on the AMA web site where they can be viewed easily by interested parties.

President Rovirosa asked his board members and Foundation trustees to take charge of certain reunion functions and made the following assignments of board members and others for Reunion 2012:

Blaine Clarke, '72 Founders Day & Sporting Clays Coordinator
Steve Trent, '70 Tommy Simmons Hospitality Tent Chair
Bud Oakey, '70 Bugler for Founder's Day & Saturday Lunch
Frank Spencer, '49 Chaplain for all events
Phil Bentley, '83 Registration desk
Bob Bradford, '50 All scripts
Doug Carter, '72 Registration, PX & Alumni House
Jerry Arnold, '65 PX & Silent Auction
Luke Snyder, '60 Founder's Day & Casino Night
Anne Snyder Chair, Ladies of AMA
Mark Femrite, '72 Tommy Simmons Hospitality Tent, Casino Night, registration (fund raising), Confederate encampment
Chris Meek, '84 Tommy Simmons Hospitality Tent, registration
Victor Gomez, '69 Registration, PX, Casino Night
Roger Messick, '52 Registration (fund raising), Tommy Simmons Hospitality Tent, Casino Night
Frank Williamson, '60 Casino Night Chair, bus tour host
Bev Williamson Ladies of AMA, bus tour hostess
Garry Granger, '71 Registration
Gordon Metz, '67 Prayer breakfast, Chaplain assistant, Roller Riders Coordinator & chief navigator
Brenda Metz Ladies of AMA
Bob Harris, '54 Registration
Paul Karch, '79 Registration
Rick Small, '67 Roller Riders coordinator & chief ride tactician
Bill Mariner, '60 Registration, Finance
Susan Mariner Ladies of AMA
Rod Willey, '51 Thursday cocktail & Saturday lunch coordinator
Al Zayas, '72 Registration, gift procurement coordinator
Sara Zayas Ladies of AMA
Norvell West, '83 Alumni House
Steve Traylor, '72 Alumni House
Ben Zinkhan, '60 Alumni House

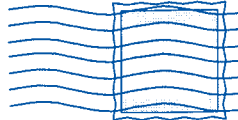
The next meeting of the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors will be on Saturday morning 21 April during Reunion 2012 at the Holiday Inn.

The next meeting of the AMA Alumni Foundation trustees will be on Sunday morning 22 April immediately following the reunion.



Museum Executive Director **Stephenson** reports on plan for accreditation.

Letters to the Editor



VMI Cadets say thank you

All of us here at VMI cannot thank you enough for the tremendous generosity that you shared with us on our 82 mile march from Lexington to the New Market Battlefield. The march is such a significant event for the senior class and completing it would not have been possible without your help.

All 21 of us made it all the way to New Market and had a stark reminder of what our cadets went through in 1864 when we reached the battlefield. We were able to speak with the freshman class and tell them the story of the New Market cadets. It was a very special event for all of us and we thank you again for your continuous support. In particular, we express thanks to **Mrs. Frank Spencer, '49**, whose husband went to VMI and to **Mrs. Ben Zinkhan, '60**, for the delicious and abundant food.

Cadet Richard Luck
Vice President, Senior Class
Virginia Military Institute
Lexington, VA

Veterans Day at Fishburne

I had a "blast from the past" when my wife, Colleen, and **Crysta Stephenson** attended the Veterans Day observance in the quadrangle at the Fishburne Military School. It sent shivers through me as I remembered my times at AMA. We also got to see what happens when you lock your knees for a long time at Parade Rest as a couple of cadets met the earth.

I am grateful that I got to know the significance of Veterans Day from members of my family who served in the military and from the faculty at AMA.

Jim "Atch" Atchison, '73
jatchison@yamahagva.com **Waynesboro, VA**

About Cadet Julian Hickman, '33

My grandfather, Julian K. Hickman, attended AMA from 1931 until 1933. I appreciate so much the information sent to me by the AMA Museum which told me some things about his cadet life. My grandfather died before I was born but I have come to know him from the stories I have been told. It meant so much to me to see artifacts from his time at AMA, to think about the time when he was there and to get some sense of his time and place that family stories alone do not reveal.

Enclosed is a contribution to aid your continued efforts to keep this history alive.

Peter Lightner Hickman, II
Phoenix, AZ

Son of the American Revolution

There have been six generations of the Freeman Roberts family who have served our country in war

beginning with Robert McAfee, an Illinois soldier in the Revolutionary War in Colonel Logan's regiment.

I am a lifelong resident of Alaska and a commercial fisherman from Dillingham, Alaska. My father, **Freeman Alexander Roberts, '23**, was born in California and grew up in Seattle. His parents sent him east to attend AMA. He served in the Alaska Guard in World War Two and I am a US Navy veteran. My father learned to love the history of our country at Augusta Military Academy and I thank AMA for that.

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Freeman Roberts
Dillingham, AK

A special interest in AMA

Although I attended Fishburne in my senior and PG years, I have a special interest in AMA. My Dad very much wanted me to attend Augusta but the economic situation at the time resulted in my attending Fishburne as a day student (we lived in Waynesboro).

I am enclosing a contribution in memory of my father, **Francis R. Loth, '16**, my uncle, **Carl "Rip" Loth, '15**, and my good friend, **Ronnie Mahanes, '53**. What you all are doing at AMA is very admirable. I proudly display an AMA mug with a few others in my bookcase.

Rusty Loth – FMS '54, VMI '59
Richmond, VA

Glad an alumnus was there

A couple of years ago, we stopped by your museum and were impressed with what we saw. Our son went to SMA and always wished he had gone to AMA instead.

The first time we stopped by your museum, a wonderful guide took us around who explained that she hadn't gone to AMA. Just before Christmas, we stopped by again and this time **Goodloe Saunders** was there. He had been an AMA cadet and knew so many stories about the school. We hope you can always have an alumnus give tours so that your visitors can know what it was really like to be an AMA cadet when your wonderful school was open!

Barry and Mary Mann
Zellwood, FL

Gives thanks for scholarship

In May, I will graduate with a BA in Exercise and Sports Science from UNC. I have learned all about the human body, how it functions, moves and operates. As a senior, I was hoping that my work load would decrease but I am taking 16 credit hours.

I also am studying to be a certified Nurse's Assistant (CNA) and will be taking the state exam hoping to work as a CNA this summer. Working as a CNA will give me the medical experience hours for Physician's Assistant School but will need two summer classes to be eligible.

Because I received the AMA Legacy Scholarship based on academics and extracurricular activities, I am proud that my hard work has paid off. I am extremely grateful to AMA for the financial help to my family.

Rebecca Daniels
granddaughter of **Edgar Stokes Daniels, '49**

Son of Colonel Will Parkins, '35

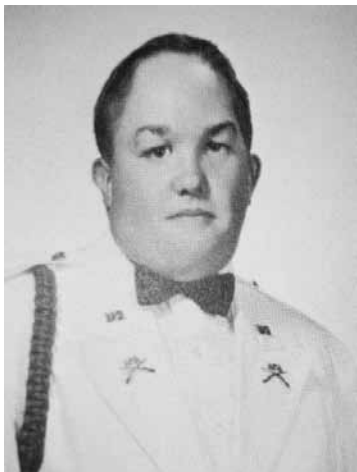
Bill Parkins, '70, was 12 year AMA man

Edward William "Bill" Parkins, '70, who the 1970 yearbook called "one of AMA's nicest boys," has passed away a day before his 62nd birthday at the Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg. Bill, the last cadet to have gone to Augusta when the school had a first grade, had a recent recurrence of a second bout with cancer.

Says AMA Alumni Association President **Jorge Rovirosa, '70**, "I am saddened by the terrible news of the passing of my classmate, good friend and brother, Billy. His personal challenges were no match for his desire and enthusiasm. The Big Barracks has suffered another crack in its foundation. I will miss Billy but take solace in the fact that he is in the loving arms of our Saviour."

Never able to play athletics successfully, he became not only AMA's best sports fan but accomplished the same thing at VMI where he was made an honorary VMI Cadet by the Class of 1997. His father, **Colonel Will Parkins, '35**, AMA's post adjutant for many years, was a Virginia Tech (VPI) graduate and Bill started out a VPI fan but later switched his affections to **General Roller's alma mater**. He received the James Chadwick Kenna Award as the VMI Keydets number one fan.

Bill "Slip" Parkins was elected to the AMA Sports Hall of Fame in 2010 in recognition of his unquenchable school spirit and support for AMA's many athletic teams.



**E. William Parkins, Jr.,
1970 Recall**

For 30 years until 2001, Bill was employed by Blue Ridge Community College in the buildings and grounds department. He and his father lived at the Bridgewater



BILL PARKINS is welcomed into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame in 2010 by Frank Williamson, '60, Rick Smail, '67, Manuel Balbis, '53, and Jorge Rovirosa, '70.

Home until Colonel Parkins' death in 2008 and Bill remained there until his death.

When his father was awarded an AMA Alumni Medal in 2005, Bill accepted for his father whose physical condition did not allow him to attend.

The Staunton News-Leader ran the following obituary: BRIDGEWATER – Edward William "Bill" Parkins Jr. of Bridgewater, also known as "Slip" by Valley sports fans, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012, one day before his 62nd birthday.

Mr. Parkins used a lifetime of serious physical challenges, including two different cancers, to strengthen his faith in God and to encourage and inspire every one within his reach. Both the powerful and the powerless knew his love and benefitted from his friendship. He was unique in a special way; anyone who met him seemed to sense it instantly.

Turner Ashby High School cited Mr. Parkins as being one of the greatest fans of the past 50 years. He was proud of his title as "honorary coach" of the TA football team and took his role seriously. He was also a staunch supporter of Lady Knights basketball and proudly wore his TA state championship ring.

Mr. Parkins was familiar with and interested in the sports programs of other area high schools as well, and knew coaches and players in many of them. Individuals in sports media who

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10 Years Ago

Mickey Gordon, '39, passed away 31 January 2002 after a two year bout with cancer. Mickey was the second President of the AMA Alumni Association and a faithful supporter of Augusta.



Reunion 2012 honored our alumni who served during World War Two with emphasis on the 53 AMA men who gave their lives for freedom.



Plans were underway to install a **105 mm howitzer** in the Triangle in front of the AMA Museum.



The erection of **AMA signs on I-81** depended on being able to keep our museum open to the public six days a week for at least six hours each day. An application has been submitted to the Virginia DOT.

Some terms will end at April meetings

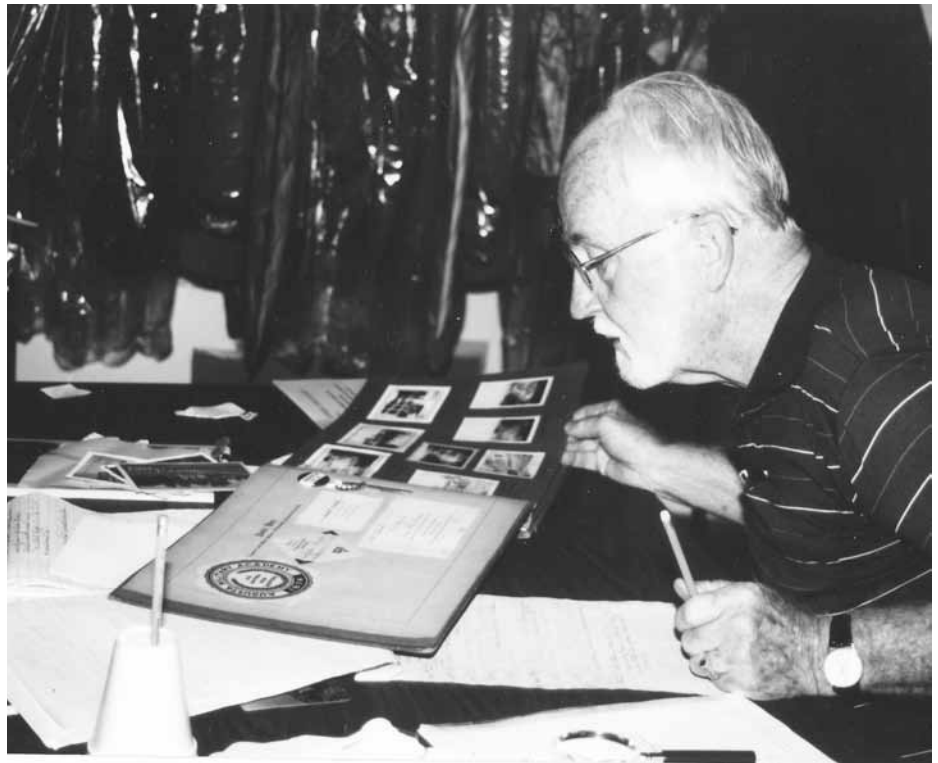
The terms of eight Alumni Association Directors and three Foundation trustees will end at the April meetings of the two organizations. Each can be reelected to another three year term.

Alumni Association Board members whose terms expire in April are **Frank Spencer, '49, Bob Bradford, '50, Dave Conrad, '59, Bob Harris, '54, Luke Snyder, '60, Steve Traylor, '72, Frank Williamson, '60, and Al Zayas, '72.**

Foundation trustees whose terms will end in April are **Bud Oakey, '70, Garry Granger, '71, and Dr. Mary DeCredico.**

Both organizations have one third of its board openings up for election every year. These staggered terms mean that there is never a turnover of more than one third of the board in a given year providing for continuity and corporate memory.

There is no limit to the number of times a director or trustee can be elected. The Foundation currently has nine trustees and the Alumni Association has 28 directors.



THE CHIEF WAS DOING IT RIGHT! - Chief Petty Officer Chester Cole was one of our most loyal museum volunteers. A former AMA staff member who was still there when the school closed, the Chief worked hard to get museum collections correctly catalogued. As we strive to be accredited by the American Association of Museums, Executive Director Crysta Stephenson has discovered that the collections records created by Chief Cole are very much in line with the format generally accepted in the historic community. Thank you, Chief Cole, for the many hours you put into this effort. The Chief passed away in December of 2008. His son, Scott Cole, '84, is also a Navy man.

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The Battle of Piedmont Civil War battle raged near AMA campus

The cadets stopped to refresh in the waters of the Willow Spout. Then, they continued their march north up the Valley Pike, past the Augusta Military Academy campus,¹ past the Augusta Stone Church, through Mount Sidney, on their way to glory.

These 257 cadets were from the Virginia Military Institute, 45 miles south of Fort Defiance, and they were on a forced march this May day in 1864. The Valley Pike, today's US Route 11, was macadamized even in that time, and the cadets walked or advanced on horseback to join a Confederate army moving to meet a Union force centering on New Market, some 40 miles north of Fort Defiance.

The VMI boys arrived at New Market in a pelting rain in time to help a Confederate army of 4,500, under the command of General John Breckenridge, defeat a Union force of 6,500, under the command of General Franz Sigel. It was May 15, 1864, and this was one of the last Southern victories of the Civil War.

All through 1862, Stonewall Jackson had kept the Federals off balance as his troops swept up and down the Shenandoah Valley almost at will, fighting a skirmish at dusk and, having loaded his troops on a train, hitting the Union army somewhere else at dawn. In the process, Jackson kept an entire Union army in the Shenandoah Valley, away from Lee's precarious hold on Richmond.

But it was now 1864, and Jackson was dead, an accidental victim of fire from his own troops at the Battle of Chancellorsville. Just before the Battle of New Market, Abraham Lincoln had finally found his fighting general - Ulysses S. Grant. After New Market, Grant replaced Sigel with Major General David Hunter who soon would revenge the Union defeat at New Market.

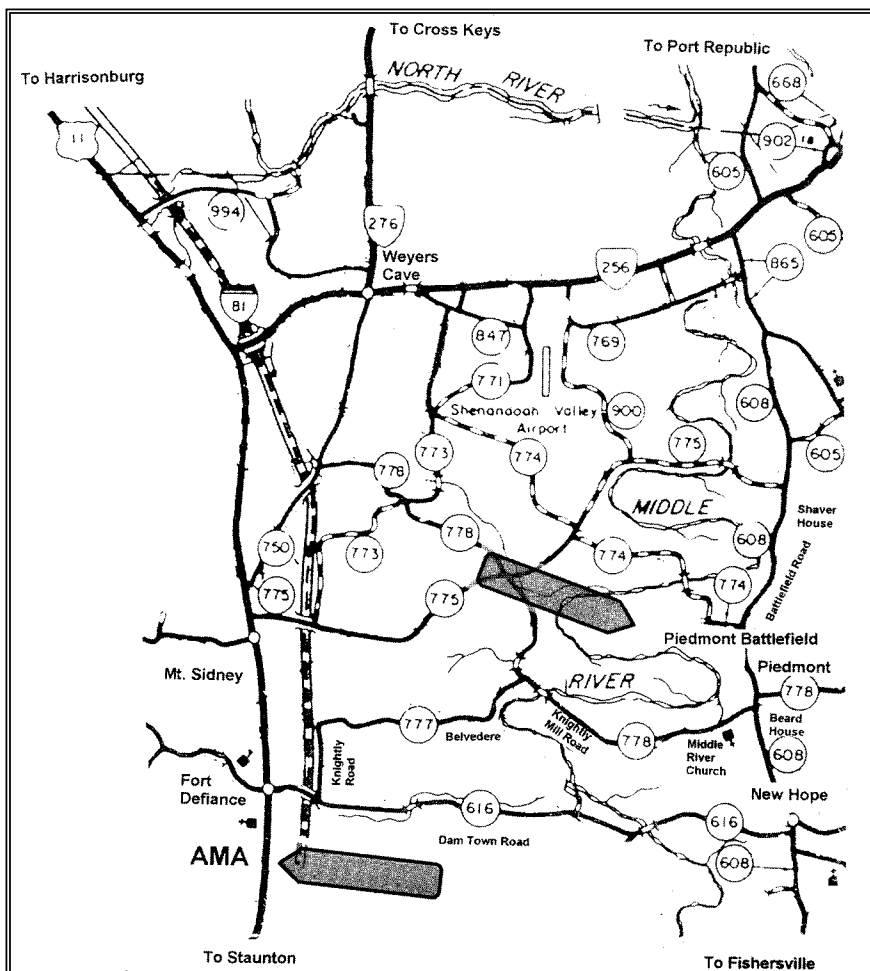
Grant orders Confederate wipe out

Grant's plan - like George Patton's in World War II - was to "grab the enemy by the nose and kick him in the pants." Grant met Lee in the Wilderness, at Spotsylvania, and at Cold Harbor. Grant lost 60,000 men in his assault on the Rebels, but he never wavered. Now, he ordered Hunter to wipe out the Confederate threat from the Valley.

Each Union soldier carried an extra pair of shoes and

This article first appeared in the Summer 2003 issue. The Friday motorcoach tour will visit this battlefield and the New Market Battlefield with Dr. Mary DeCredico of the U. S. Naval Academy to guide us.

socks, 100 rounds of ammunition, a few pounds of hard bread, and a little coffee. For everything else, they would subsist on what they found before them. Foraging parties became the order of the day with livestock, grain, food, and



other supplies taken from the populace and the pending harvest either confiscated or destroyed. Robert E. Lee's granary was to be decimated.

After New Market, Lee ordered Breckenridge and his troops to help him defend Richmond, leaving in the Valley only a force of volunteers, reservists, convalescents and provost guards. Meanwhile, Hunter marched on Harrisonburg, and the Southern army under Generals John Imboden and W. E. "Grumble" Jones assembled at Mount Crawford to oppose any further movement south by the Federals.

On June 4, Hunter started what appeared to be a flanking movement on Staunton while Imboden and Jones held their army near Mount Sidney, the Southerners spread out along the Valley Pike, undoubtedly some of them bivouac-ed where AMA is today. Hunter moved on toward Port Republic (where a previous battle had been fought), then turned southwest toward Staunton where possession

¹ Of course, there was no AMA campus in 1864, but the VMI cadets marched past the spot where Professor Roller would build his residence in 1870, now home to the AMA Alumni House/Museum. And they marched past the Stone Church, founded 142 years before, where Roller began to tutor Confederate veterans only four months after the Civil War had ended.

of the railhead there would deny the Confederates defending Richmond a life line of food, troops and military equipment.

The first shots in what would become known as the Battle of Piedmont were fired about 5:30 AM on Sunday, June 5. Jones' infantry had forded the swollen Middle River before dawn and advanced for twelve miles to the little hamlet of Piedmont, no more than a cannon shot from the AMA campus. **(From Piedmont, the hill behind Big Barracks can be seen easily.)** In 1864, Piedmont consisted of some ten houses situated in rolling farmland interspersed with woods in a curve of the river.

Numerous skirmishes and demonstrations took place, and as the Confederate artillery dashed through Piedmont, the soldiers were singing and shouting while the ladies of the village stood on their porches, waving and cheering. Jones concentrated his cavalry to the southeast with instructions that they not enter the coming battle until ordered to do so. This troop disposition left an unintended and very critical gap between the Confederate infantry and the Confederate cavalry which would help decide the outcome of the battle to come.

A slight drizzle fell as an artillery duel commenced. By 11:30, the Confederates had two brigades massed behind railpens with a force on the right ready to repel any attempted encirclement by Hunter. Hunter's men lined up below the heights while behind them, a curl of smoke rose



THE PIEDMONT BATTLEFIELD just a few miles from Fort Defiance. Below, the plaque which commemorates the battle.



from a burning mill set afire by the Federals.

Three times, Hunter attacked, and three times he was repulsed. Then, as he was on the verge of withdrawing, he noted the gap in the Confederate line. Hunter quickly ordered a brigade, hidden in a ravine, to attack the right flank of the Southern line just as the Rebels were shifting some

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Jack Manch, '38 was co-pilot **AMA tribute to anniversary of** **Doolittle Raid on Tokyo set for** **the Shenandoah Valley Airport**



This plaque honors LTC Jack Manch, '38, and hangs in the Manch Conference Room which was dedicated on 18 May 1996 at the Shenandoah Valley Airport.

On 18 April 1942, sixteen B-25 bombers took off from the deck of the *USS Hornet* to drop the first American bombs on Japan in the Second World War. The raid came four months after the Japanese attack on the American fleet at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, "a date which will live in infamy."

The co-pilot of the third Mitchell B-25B off the *Hornet's* deck was Jack "Shorty" Manch, '38, the six foot seven son of Major Martin Manch, AMA's bandmaster and professor of German. The plan was to drop their bombs and continue on to friendly airfields in China but all of the aircraft were lost and 11 crewmen were either killed or captured by the Japanese with three of the Americans being executed by Japanese troops in China.

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid, named for LTC James Doolittle who planned and led the attack, AMA alumni leaders will place a wreath at the base of a bronze plaque at the Shenandoah Valley Airport on 18 April, a plaque dedicated to the memory of Jack Manch. The laying of the wreath takes place the day before Reunion 2012 gets underway and all AMA alumni and friends are invited to attend the brief ceremony.

The time of the wreath laying had been set for 1 PM but that time could change and if so, will be announced in the AMA Museum on line newsletter and in local media.

The raid did little physical damage to Japan but was a tremendous morale booster to the American people. It also created great concern among Japanese military leaders who had promised that no American bomb would ever fall on Japan. The raid caused Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto to plan a Japanese attack on the American carriers near Midway

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Island, an attack that turned into a rout of the Japanese Navy in the mid-Pacific Ocean. Japan was never on the offensive after the Battle of Midway though the war would go on until two atomic bombs ended the Japanese will to fight in 1945.

After parachuting into Chinese territory, Jack Manch was rescued by friendly Chinese and made his way back to American lines. For the rest of the war, he flew "The Hump" over the Himalayas, a dangerous venture delivering supplies to Chinese troops far inland. After the war, Manch stayed in the service and flew combat missions in the Korean War.

Later, he was a test pilot and Operations Officer at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas where he died in 1958 steering a disabled jet away from a residential area.

Jack McKenna, '50, earned Science Teacher of Year

Jack McKenna, '50, was only at AMA for a single year but evidence of how well he was respected is in the fact that he was the only freshman on the Honor Committee. Jack played varsity football and made the Honor Roll every time the grades came out.



**Jack McKenna,
1950 Recall**

He came to AMA from Wilmington, DE where he remembers playing in some big games in his freshman year for Archmere due to the small number of athletes available for the team while his high school opponents had huge enrollments compared to Archmere at that time. Games were played in the old Wilmington ball park, sometimes before 6,000 people.

Jack played halfback in football, scoring 27 touchdowns in his three years as a starter at Archmere. He scored a total of nine touchdowns against Regional High School of Pennsgrove, NJ during those years. In one game he had 336 all purpose yards. Jack also played center field for four years and maintained a .310 batting average.

After Archmere, Jack played football and baseball at Augusta with his good friend **Dick Nolan** (who went on to be head coach of the San Francisco 49ers). He also played for the University of Delaware frosh and for his Marine Corps tank battalion. He served as a Marine Officer for six years from 1954-1960.

Jack became a physical fitness buff with cross-country skiing being his first choice and won ribbons for his age class and was instrumental in bringing skis to his school in Denver where they were used in the Physical Education and Science Departments. While teaching science at Garland Country Day School in Denver from 1967-1998, he was the recipient of the Science Teacher Award for all the Western states in 1993 and one of his students was named a Presidential Scholar.

Jack presently resides in Salisbury, MD.



1950 STATE PREP BASEBALL CHAMPIONS - McKenna is in the front row, 6th from the left. Standing at far right is Coach Buck Chapman.

Website made World War Two records available temporarily

Donald Dorn knew that his father, **Robert Dorn**, '37, had served in the Navy in World War Two, but he knew none of the details. That is, until he found his father's Navy record on the genealogy website Ancestry.com. There, he could do an on line search through digitized and indexed records from paper and microfilm in the National Archives.

This treasure trove contains 60 million World War II records of individual members of the Armed Forces and was available for the first week of December at no cost. Ancestry.com did not return calls asking when and if this offer will be repeated.

The Navy Muster Rolls include 33 million quarterly reports filed from 1939 to 1949 detailing the location, rank and other information about nearly all enlisted and officer personnel who served during those years. Previously unreleased draft cards, cemetery records, photos and information about certain ships also are available.

Similar Army, Marine, Army Air Corps (Air Force) and Coast Guard records also are available at Ancestry.com but at the moment not without the payment of a fee.

OOPS

Matt Bradbury, '66, advises us that the 2nd platoon of A Company was adjudged best platoon in 1966. Matt was the platoon leader. We previously reported that the 1st platoon of Company A had won that coveted award.

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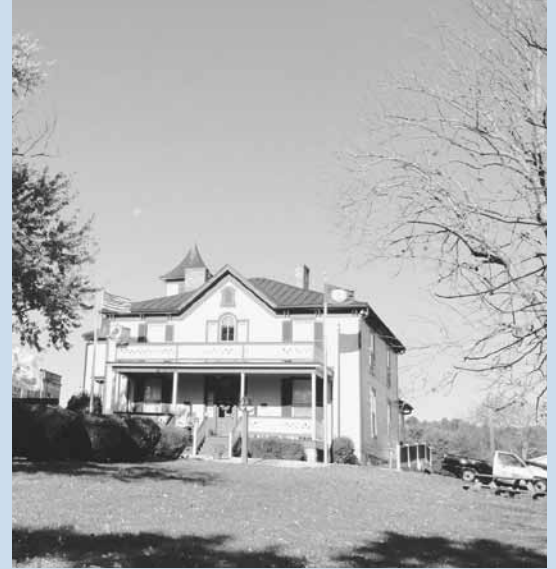
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Victor Gomez, '69, and his camera have recorded some unique views of our campus



Todd Sinclair, '69's memories

Todd Loren Sinclair was able to attend AMA only one year but he has some very special memories to share:

*"My parents chose AMA because of **Bobby Crozier, '70**, and **Craig Chaires, '69** (Sadly, Chaires was killed in an auto accident in 1969). Both Bob and Craig worked at a summer camp which I attended annually at Orkney Springs near Mount Jackson near Harrisonburg. The camp was pretty isolated with just a general store/post office combination and most campers knew each other as we attended year after year.*



**Todd Sinclair,
1969 Recall**

"One hot day ten of us took a hike into the mountains about a mile and a half from camp and there, a fellow named Vetter was stung by a bee. He was very allergic to bee venom and almost immediately went into anaphallactic shock. He had left his antidote back in his cabin and Bob Crozier took off running

as hard as he could back to the camp to retrieve the antidote. Bob acted like it was just another day at camp but he had saved Vetter's life!

"My second memory involves a dance at AMA attended by a number of Stuart Hall girls. Being only 15 at the time, I wasn't much of a "ladies man" being shy and reserved. But I polished my boots and brass and even put shaving cream on the brim of my hat to impress any of the ladies.

"There we were, boys sitting on one side of the gym and girls on the other, like Opie Taylor's class in Mayberry. As I gazed over the excellent selection of attractive debutantes one girl looked familiar and caught my eye. We struck up a conversation and it turned out I had known her in my hometown of Richmond. After about ten minutes, Linda and I were holding hands and I took her on a tour of the AMA grounds. When we got back, the chaperones were freaking out! They had several people looking for us convinced that we were up to no good. Then, it was time for the girls to get back on the bus to Staunton and Linda stopped to give me a long kiss on the mouth in front of several hundred people. What a night that was: the chaperones freaking out and that long kiss by the bus polished my first year credentials. I don't remember Linda's last name. Maybe it is just as well for soon after the dance I spent almost six weeks in the AMA Infirmary with mononucleosis."

Todd spent many years in the hotel business and began to use his middle name – Loren – because "there are so many Todd Sinclairs in the world." He was the assistant manager of a motor lodge at Bailey's Crosswords near Alexandria before moving to South Carolina and Florida with Hyatt. This included a stint at the Ritz Carleton in Naples and Hyatt properties in Fort Walton Beach, Ocala and The Hills, all in Florida.

After 18 years in the hotel business, Loren tired of moving and relocated to the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 2000 to



PUERTO RICAN VISIT - Alumni Association President Jorge Roviroso, '70, was in Puerto Rico on business and had lunch with Doug Pennock, left, and Diego Suarez, center, both from the Class of '72. Diego is CEO of his family business in San Juan, is married, has four grown children and plans to be at the 2012 AMA Reunion.



CHINA DOLL - Ruth and Howard Rosenthal, '68, had a wonderful trip to China in October including a trip down the Yangtze, a visit to the Great Wall and, above, a tour of the Forbidden City.

work for Newroads, Inc., an e-commerce company with clients like Abercrombie and Fitch, Godiva Chocolate, MTV, Microsoft and Seagrams. When Newroads moved its operations to North Carolina, Loren worked in computers at the Benedictine School for autistic kids and retired with a medical disability in 2009. He now lives in Westernport, MD.

[todd@toddllorensinclair.com]

Jerry Arnold, '66, will present nine replica Confederate swords during Reunion 2012, one to Linda Livick

William J. McElroy manufactures replica Confederate swords and in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, **Jerry Arnold, '66**, will present nine of them to worthies at the April reunion with the first going to **Linda Roller Livick**.

Jerry has purchased the swords and is having them engraved specially for the presentations. **General Roller's** granddaughter, Linda, will receive hers during the Founder's Day ceremonies in the Stone Church Cemetery on Saturday 21 April. Eight other swords will be on a display table outside the gymnasium before the Saturday lunch and will be presented immediately following the lunch.

Intended recipients are **Keene Byrd, '59**, who will portray AMA's founder during Founder's Day ceremonies, **Captain John Butler** of Cummings Battery who brings a cannon to each reunion, former First Captain **Mark Femrite, '72**, a Confederate reenactor, **Nicky Syropoulos, '69**, also a Confederate reenactor, the general officer of the reenactor group which will encamp on our campus and his two aides and a Confederate cavalryman who will be on horseback.

A 10th Confederate sword will be in the Silent Auction at the reunion!

Jerry and his wife, Patti, help set up the PX at each reunion and collect from the top bidders in the Silent Auction. They live in Hagaman, NY and drive down each year for the reunion.

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Trustees, board members sign on to support Casino Night

At the 28 January meetings in Richmond of the AMA Foundation trustees and AMA Alumni Association board members, President **Jorge Roviroa, '70**, asked Augusta's leaders to support Casino Night at Reunion 2012.

"We need for our fellow alumni and AMA friends to underwrite the costs of the various gaming tables," he said. "Good leadership must come from the top and I am pleased that many of those in attendance at the meetings agreed to fund full and half tables."

The following commitments were made at the Richmond meeting: Full tables: **Blaine Clarke, '72**, **Bill Mariner, '60**, and **Paul Karch, '79**. Half table commitments: **Al Zayas, '72**, **Jorge Roviroa, '70**, **Gordon Metz, '68**, **Rick Smail, '67**, **Bud Oakey, '70**, and **Roger Messick, '52**.

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Battle of Piedmont from page 28

units. Jones sent couriers to General Imboden to bring the Rebel cavalry crashing down on the Yanks, but the cavalry troops did not respond, likely because the couriers never found them. Thus undeterred, the brigade of Northerners attacked the Southerners from the rear. Federal artillery concentrated on the railpens and the Federal infantry troops followed the artillery barrage with a frontal assault.

For 30 bloody minutes, the fighting was at close quarters with rifles, bayonets, knives, clubs and bare hands. With terrible fire from front and rear, the Confederate defense evaporated. General Jones, dashing from unit to unit in a vain attempt to rally his men, was killed by a Minie ball to the head. Imboden and the remaining Confederates retreated having suffered 412 wounded, 142 killed and 934 taken prisoner. The Union Army had 165 killed, 620 wounded and 39 taken prisoner.

The South also lost 3,000 stands of

Where was Professor Charles S. Roller during the Battle of Piedmont, fought so near his home? He was assigned to the 1st Virginia Cavalry which was part of the force which was defending Richmond in June of 1864, and we assume he was there. We do know that he was with Lee's retreating army in April of 1865, and that after being injured in a fall from his horse, he was captured at Appomattox, the day before Lee surrendered.

arms and six pieces of artillery. The main Confederate retreat was from Piedmont through New Hope and on to Fishersville, and a number retreated toward Fort Defiance and thence to Staunton on the Valley Pike. The Confederate artillery that was not captured or put out of action also retreated past what is now the AMA campus.

Colonel J. M. Campbell, commanding the 54th Pennsylvania, wrote to General Hunter in his after-battle report, "The casualties in my unit were surprisingly small which I attribute to the impetuosity of their charge upon the enemy who was not given time to rally with anything like order... in their own defense."

North could afford casualties

The truth is that the Union Army had more killed and wounded than did the Rebs, but as Grant had shown at The Wilderness, Spotsylvania and Cold Harbor, the North could afford such casualties while the beleaguered South could not.

The Union put 7,766 troops into the field that day buttressed by 24 artillery pieces. By comparison, the Southerners could muster only 5,600 troops with 16 artillery pieces. The Northern troops were well fed, well equipped and well trained. On the Confederate side, many of the participants were Home Guards (see box at left) including young boys, old men and soldiers on medical

furlough. Federal troops soon marched into Staunton. The Shaver Home on the battlefield, from which Hunter had directed the battle, became a Federal field hospital.

For the first time in the war, the Union army had conquered the upper Shenandoah Valley.

In the North, the victory solidified President Lincoln's reelection campaign. The *New York Times* reported "the great success of our forces... capturing a battery of six guns, several hundred prisoners, and many hundred thousand dollars worth of stores."

While the war would last another ten months, the fate of Lee's army at Richmond was sealed by the Battle of Piedmont and the conquest of the Valley. Hunter continued his march through the Valley, entering Lexington June 11 and exacting Union revenge on VMI by burning its main buildings.² Hunter then turned toward Lynchburg over the Peaks of Otter, against orders by General Grant, where his forces were repulsed. He eventually resigned his command.

In September of the same year, General Phillip Sheridan arrived in the Valley with fire in his eyes...

² The Federals sacked the library at Washington College adjacent to VMI and threw rocks at the statue of George Washington on the main building thinking it was a statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. The fact that the First President had endowed the school apparently stopped the Union troops from burning the buildings at Washington College. Ironically, after the war Robert E. Lee became President of Washington College until his death in 1870 after which time the college was renamed Washington and Lee University.

From *North and South* magazine, December 2002: (Knowing that the Union Army was coming toward Staunton), Imboden attempted to scrape up extra bodies with a proclamation issued at Staunton on 31 May 1864 intended to bring out men who had yet to serve even as home guards: "The Commanding General has notified me that every man who can fire a gun is urgently needed at Mount Crawford. He says he can see no reason why Magistrates and Constables should not fight for their homes in a pinch like this. A man should be ashamed to claim such a pitiful exemption. If it becomes necessary to make them fight, I will declare martial law in this district until the danger is over and make every man shoulder his musket. A man who will deliberately refuse to defend his home, wife and children for a few days ought to be forced into the ranks. If killed, the loss is trifling."

This sternly worded message may have shamed an additional hundred men into the ranks in time for the Battle of Piedmont."

When you register, be sure to sign up for the Friday motorcoach tour to the New Market and Piedmont Battlefields with lunch included. This trip is NOT part of the general registration.

Dr. Mary DeCredico, History Professor at the U.S. Naval Academy, will be the tour guide. Bev and Frank Williamson, '60, will be your hosts on this adventure.

At invitation of Commander Alex Wattay, '53 **General Nicholson speaks at Veterans Day on Hilton Head**

Marine Major General Larry Nicholson, '75, told a Veterans Day audience on Hilton Head Island, SC that he respects the "greatest generation" veterans of World War Two and said a new generation of American service men and women "are stepping forward again to write that blank check payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including their lives."

Speaking at the invitation of **Commander Al Wattay, '53**, the general said that "all the wounded warriors I visit at Walter Reed want to get back to duty as quickly as possible... It's a humbling experience sitting in the hospital with a wounded Marine who asks, 'How is my unit doing?' Every time I walk out of the hospital I feel like an underachiever."

Nicholson, who was the Senior Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense at the time of his speech, has now returned to Afghanistan for his fourth year long tour since 2006. (See page 21) Alex Wattay reports that "I am still getting calls from folks who attended Larry's speech and they have much praise and admiration for his wonderful message. We very much enjoyed having Debbie and Larry with us."



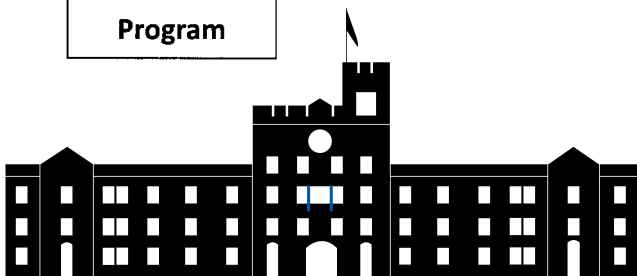
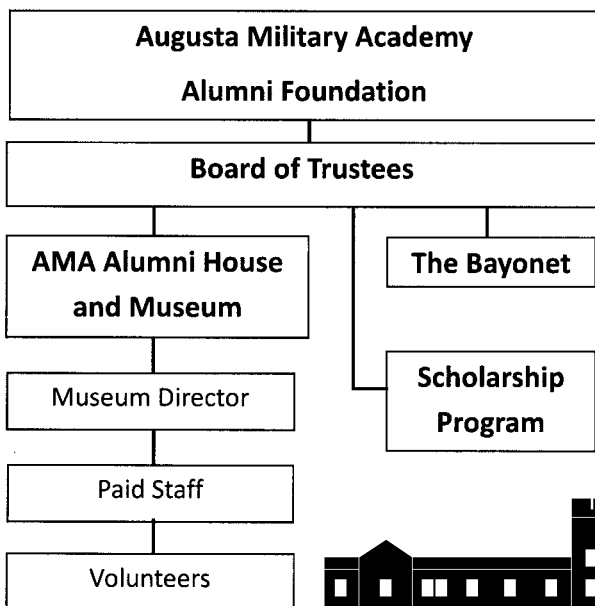
General Nicholson



Above, aerial view of the Shelter Cove Veterans Memorial Park as General Nicholson was speaking. Below, Marine Honor Guard at the ceremony.



Augusta Military Academy Alumni Organizational Chart



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Both organizations exist for the betterment of our alumni and the positive image of our school.



NIGHT VISITORS - Tigers from Cub Scout Pack 121 visit the AMA Museum after hours. Volunteers Goodloe Saunders, '57, and Ben Zinkhan, '60, reopened the museum for this special group to visit. With advance notice, our museum volunteers are happy to arrange such "off hours" tours.

Post reunion bike ride to Smoky Mountains backroads planned

The annual post reunion bike trip by the Roller Riders will head for the backroads of the Great Smoky Mountains according to trip planner **Rick Smail, '57**.

Rick will be coming out from Park City, Utah to join other AMA alumni and friends for a Sunday until Friday ride through North Carolina, Northern Georgia and Tennessee. The trip will depart from the front of Big Barracks at noon on Sunday 22 April, the day after Reunion 2012 concludes.

Those interested in the trip should contact Rick at 435/513-0791 or at ricksmail@earthlink.net.

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Staunton gets high praise

The National Trust for Historic Preservation magazine has saluted Staunton for all it has done to maintain its historic appearance. Thanks to **Margaret Wood** at Stuart Hall for this tip! Go to: <http://www.preservationnation.org/magazine/2012/jan-feb/secret-stauntons-success.html>

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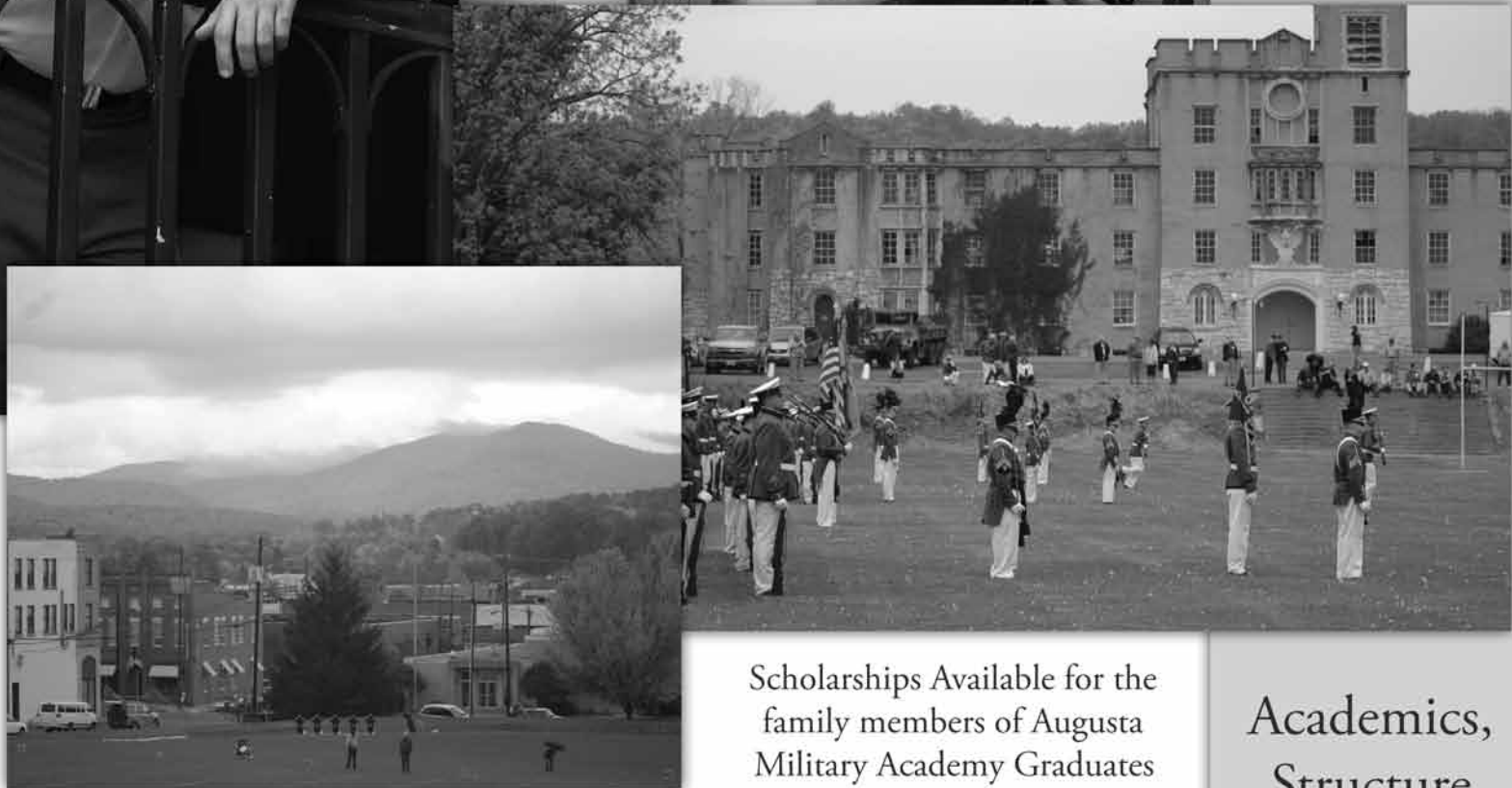
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Bill Parkins *from page 25*

covered these events could also be counted among his friends.

College athletics was an interest of Mr. Parkins. He could recite sports statistics and names of coaches and players from memory. He particularly followed Virginia Military Institute, the University of Virginia and Duke and knew players and coaches from all three programs.

A dream of his came true when he personally visited with Coach Mike Krzyzewski of Duke last winter after years of emails between the two of them.

Mr. Parkins was an honorary brother rat and cadre of VMI's Class of 1997. He proudly wore a VMI combat ring inscribed inside with the words, "A True Cadet", a cherished gift from VMI graduate Clifford Shifflett. Mr. Parkins was publicly recognized as the Keydets' number one fan. In accepting the James Chadwick Kenna award for going the extra mile to help VMI's basketball program, Mr. Parkins responded, "To receive an award like this is really overwhelming. I give all the credit to the great head coach and athletic director, Jesus Christ."

As a cancer survivor, he valued visits and other communications with Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and Alpha Phi Omega, a community service fraternity, at James Madison University. Members of these organizations participated with him in Relay for Life. He enjoyed the camaraderie at Ruritan Club events and at Wingfield Ministries where he volunteered.

Mr. Parkins graduated from Augusta Military Academy, Fort Defiance, in June 1970. Two years ago, he was inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame, more for his school spirit and limitless enthusiasm at athletic events than for his athletic prowess.

He earned a certificate from Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center, Fishersville, in September 1972. Mr. Parkins was employed at Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave, in the buildings and grounds department for 30 years. When he retired in 2001, he was given a large, framed citation, covered in the signatures of administrators, faculty, and students, naming him "Ambassador Emeritus" of the College.

However, his most notable achievement was purely in being the kind of person that he was. He was a Godly man in how he treated others and how he lived his life. He taught by example. He inspired others to reach higher, to persevere, and to deepen their faith. In responding to a question about the meaning of "Honor Above Self" inscribed on his VMI ring, Mr. Parkins explained, "I interpret that to mean 'Honor the Lord in everything. Don't put yourself above your fellow man and He will exalt you in His own time.'" And that was the essence of his life.

Mr. Parkins was a member of the Harrisonburg First Church of the Nazarene and considered the pastors and congregation a part of his extended family. Other extended family included the staff and residents of the Bridgewater Retirement Community, where he had resided since 1995, and the many doctors and nurses who cared for him in the local area and in Charlottesville. He prayed for these individuals regularly and cared for them deeply.

Born in Staunton on Feb. 2, 1950, Mr. Parkins was the son of Edward William and Anne Lou Dodd Parkins, who predeceased him. He is survived by first cousins, Sally F. Fulton of Weyers Cave; Polly B. Case of Massanutten; Anne C. Green and

husband, Robert, of Springfield; and John S. Case and wife, Susan, of Richmond. He also leaves behind a special friend, Yvonne Chappell of Gainesville, Ga., and second cousins who knew him as "Uncle Bill".

A memorial service was held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012, at Harrisonburg First Church of the Nazarene, led by Pastor Kerry Willis and Pastor Roger Dove.

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SPOTLIGHT on BOB BRADFORD, '50

By Ruth (Mrs Howard, '68) Rosenthal

I knew I was going to like **Bob Bradford** when I saw him wave off the chance to be included in a group shot on an AMA trip. Even though he took lots of pictures himself, and had lots of AMA responsibilities, he never wanted to be included in a photo. It was clear he didn't crave the lime-light, yet I knew he did a lot for AMA, and certainly deserved to be captured in a picture here and there.

For three years, however, I never realized just how much Bob did for AMA. I knew that he almost single-handedly wrote and produced *The Bayonet* (in itself quite a feat), but I didn't know he was on the board of the AMA Alumni Association or Chairman of the AMA Alumni Foundation until I started writing for *The Bayonet* last year. I also did not know that he used to live in my home town of Washington, D.C., working in a variety of jobs on Capitol Hill and at radio and television stations.

This is a man who received 17 Associated Press awards for broadcast journalism, yet you would never guess that from meeting him, as he is one of the most humble men you are ever likely to meet.

His resume is phenomenal, but Bob modestly blows it off, saying, "As you can see, I couldn't keep a job!" At the urging of his colleagues, he grudgingly agreed to be featured in this issue's **Spotlight**, which many people feel is long overdue. Therefore, it's my pleasure to introduce you to Bob Bradford, AMA class of 1950.

Bob attended elementary school and one year of high school in Blacksburg, Virginia, and attended AMA for four years where he was Captain Adjutant his final year. For three years after he left AMA, he published and mailed an "AstrA" newsletter which **Jim Starnes, '50**, recently provided to show how much Bob's technique had advanced since 1950. Jim wrote "With all the work you have put into *The Bayonet* over the years, I would think that you may sometimes wonder if it's all worth it. To reassure you that it is, I am attaching some of your earlier literary work that I have found to be sufficiently valuable in the nostalgia department for me to have retained if for over 61 years!" The newsletter, a mimeographed affair, stated that the publication was "free to 1949 and 1950 AMA graduates. All others, 5 cents per copy to cover mailing, printing, and handling."

In 2000, Bob was awarded the AMA Alumni Medal, and since then has continued to support AMA in so many ways.

After leaving high school and AMA, Bob did undergraduate work at Washington and Lee University and was later a fellow at the Harvard University Institute of Politics. He co-founded the Virginia Tech Football Network while still

a student at W&L. After serving as a Captain in the U.S. Army, he worked at several Virginia and Washington, D.C. radio and TV stations, receiving 17 Associated Press awards and serving as News Director of Washington TV Station WJLA (Channel 7).

Bob spent much of his career in the nation's capital. While in the public sector, he was Administrative Assistant to Senator Bill Brock of Tennessee, and for ten years, was Administrative Assistant to the late Congressman Richard Poff of Virginia. (Poff was later Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court).

In 1973-74, he was Director of Congressional Relations for the Federal Cost of Living Council. Other positions he held include Director of Government Relations for the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company and Executive Director of the Illinois Republican State Central Committee. Bob served four years as the Executive Vice President of the

Food Marketing Institute, the trade association representing the supermarket industry, and for a year as President and CEO of the National Restaurant Association, both headquartered in Washington. When he retired in June of 1996, he was Senior Vice President of Safeway, Inc., the second largest supermarket chain in the United States.

He served two two-year terms as Chairman of the Board of the National Easter Seal Society and is past Chairman of the National Easter Seal Foundation. He and his wife, Nancy, were named Philanthropists of the Year by the National Easter Seal Society in 1997 and he was elected to life membership on the National Easter Seals Board in 2011. He has served on the

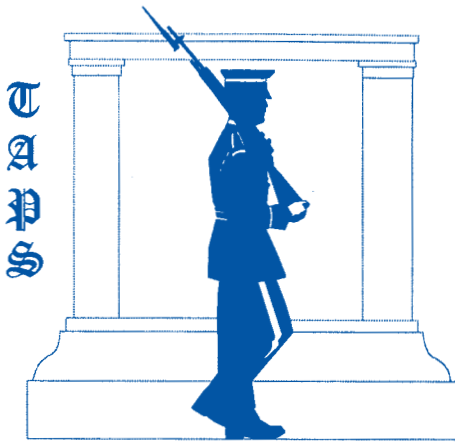
boards of Second Harvest, Friends of the Arts, and on the Executive Committee of the California Retailers Association and currently is on the Board of the San Francisco Giants Community Fund and the Safeway, Inc. Foundation. Of course, he is also heavily involved in AMA affairs, selflessly giving his time to the Alumni Association, Alumni Foundation and *The Bayonet*.

Bob and his wife Nancy live in Folsom, California, but Bob is back on the East Coast (often with Nancy) at least three times a year for AMA related activities. They have three children and four granddaughters and with all those responsibilities, it's hard to believe they have much time to get away to enjoy their retirement years, but last year, they did so, enjoying a wonderful trip to Europe to celebrate Bob's 80th birthday.

Bob, we salute and thank you for all that you do – not just for AMA, but for all the worthwhile causes you and Nancy have chosen to support! We hope that helping AMA is one "job" you will keep for a very long time!

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Please report deaths and illnesses of AMA alumni, faculty and friends to the
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Frank Spencer, '49
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John B. Gordon, '19
1996, in Raleigh, NC. No details.

Guy S. Carr, '29
7 October 2011, Colonial Hill Retirement Center, Johnson City, TN, 100. Retail lumber business, real estate business and President of 7-Up Bottling Company, Johnson City, TN. Director, Tennessee Bottlers Association. 60 years of perfect attendance at Johnson City Rotary Club. Showed saddle horses. Survived by his son, Kip, of Statesville, NC and a daughter, Gail Rymer of Knoxville; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. At AMA: Private, A Company.

Reverend Dr. Arthur Glasser, '32
8 December 2009, in Seattle, 95. Graduate of Cornell University, Faith Theological Seminary and Union Seminary in New York City. U. S. Marine Chaplain in the Pacific during World



Arthur Glasser,
1932 Recall

War II. Missionary to China 1945-1951. Director of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship 1951-1970. Dean, Fuller Theological Seminary, 1970-1980. Retired as Dean in 1980 but continued teaching until 1999 when he moved to Seattle. Survived by his children, Sam, Ann Glasser Caporaso and Carol Glasser Ginn and two grandchildren. At AMA: Corporal, A Company; fencing; Tiger football; track; *Recall* and *Bayonet* staffs; Highest Average Medal for two years.



Edward Moore,
1933 Recall

Reverend William E. Gregory, '34
21 February 2010. No details. Professional musician. Draftsman for an industrial corporation which included work on the Norden bomb sight. A Christian minister for half a century. At AMA: Attended Augusta from Havana, Cuba; Corporal, B Company; rifle team; tumbling team; Bible Class.

Colonel Herbert W. Young, '37
10 December 2011, Williamsburg, VA, 93. Graduate of William and Mary. Joined Marine Corps in World War II assigned to the 11th Defense Battalion serving in the Solomon and Russell Islands. During the Korean War was an instructor in thermonuclear warfare at the Naval PG School in Monterey, CA.



Herbert Young,
1937 Recall

Retired as full colonel in 1978. For 20 years, Colonel Young worked for the Department of Defense Atomic Energy Commission (later the NRC).

Survived by his wife of 64 years, Jane; their children, Sarah Young Corippo of Discovery Bay, CA and Richard Young of Greer, SC; two grandchildren and a sister, Helen Young Langton of Williamsburg. At AMA: Corporal, D Company; swim team; Glee Club; Bible Class.

Mason D. Thomas, '42

24 August 2011, Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington, VA, 85. Thomas had a heating and air conditioning business in area but was best known as a jazz musician playing with such



Mason Thomas,
1941 Bayonet

greats as Louis Armstrong, Errol Garner and Artie Shaw. He performed at countless hotels and night clubs in Washington, DC playing sax, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, tuba, upright bass and piano. After six years at AMA, he entered the Army and served in Europe during World War Two. After the war, he frequented the jazz scene in New York City before returning to Washington, his home town. He worked for a while as a musician in Las Vegas. He is survived by his companion, Nancy Greathead of Arlington, daughters Lynn Hunter of Asheville, NC, Jamie France of New Philadelphia, OH and Kelly Thomas of Warrenton, VA; sons, Dale Thomas of Manassas and Guy of Arlington; a stepson, nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. At AMA: Six year cadet, Platoon sergeant, D Company, Minnow football. Tribute to Mason found at: youtube.com/watch?v=oGMwgtvDCsE (Mason playing "Willow Weep for Me")

William Harvey Bowers, '43

22 September 2011, at home in Sugar Grove, WV, 86, with his wife of 61 years, Ruth (Nana), at his side. He was accepted at the University of Virginia Medical School but World War Two intervened and he served as a radio/radar operator for the balance of the war. Returned to UVa and



**Harvey Bowers,
1943 Recall**

received BA in psychology in 1949. George Washington National Forest Fire Warden for 30 years. Sunday School Superintendent for 25 years. Past President, Pendleton County Farm Bureau. Commissioner, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources. Instrumental in organizing Treasure Mountain Festival. Served 26 years on board of directors of Rockingham Milling in Harrisonburg. Survived by his sons, **Harvey Bowers, Jr., '69**, of Wasilla, AK and Jeffrey of Sugar Grove; a brother, John Roy Bowers of Sugar Grove; and two grandchildren. At AMA: Varsity baseball, JV football, Honor Roll, fencing team, White Page, Sergeant, A Company.

Charles C. McAtee, Jr., '43
29 May 2011, at Boonsboro, MD, 84. During World War II, served in Korea and was post fire chief at Camp A. P. Hill, VA. Professional firefighter, City of Martinsburg, retiring as a lieutenant. Employed at Brown Funeral Home. Member, VFW and American Legion. Survived by two sons, Charles, III, of Boonsboro and Mark of Montpelier, VA; a daughter, Annette Fraley of Boonsboro, and two grandchildren, Christopher and Sarah Fraley. At AMA: Captain, staff, Honor Committee.



**Charles McAtee,
1943 Recall**

Frank Villanova, 43
11 June 2011, Mebane, NC. No details. At AMA: Private, B Company; fencing.

Horace Jones Bearden, '44
5 February 2011, Waycross, GA, 84, after an extended illness. BS from

*In this issue, there is an unusually long list of our classmates who have passed away. You will recall that **Ed Click, '50**, sent out a First Class mailing to assure that our addresses are up to date. Quite a few death notices came back from that mailing which accounts for this long Taps listing.*



**Frank Villanova,
1943 Recall**



**Bill Hastings,
1948 Recall**

Clemson in textile manufacturing. Served in the Army in World War II with tours in Germany and Japan. Two Bronze Stars and the World War Victory Medal. Private pilot. Survived by his wife, Guinelle Bearden of Waycross; a son, Douglas, and a daughter, Nancy Swindell; two grandchildren, Heather and Adam Swindell; a stepson, Lester Bennett, and several step-grandchildren. At AMA: Private, B Company.

William S. Taylor, '45
August, 2008. No details. Last known address: Kailua, Kona, HI.

Edmund Ryan, Jr., '45
17 January 2011, Springfield, VA. No details. At AMA: Private, E Company.

William Hastings, '48
8 February 2008, Machipongo, VA. No details. At AMA: D Company, baseball, *Recall* staff.

LTC Gray Kinnie, '49
29 October 2011, cardiac arrest, at home in Hilton Head Island, SC, 79. Graduated from West Point in 1953 and received masters in electrical engineering from University of Arizona. Served in occupation forces in both Germany and Korea. Taught at West Point. Chair, NATO Electronics Committee. Deputy Director, Computer Systems Command. Served in Viet-

nam, 1968-69. Bronze Star. Upon retirement from the Army in 1974, he joined IBM in Gaithersburg, MD and Boca Raton, FL. Software engineer, systems analyst, technical planner. Co-founded West Point Society in Palm Beach County, FL. Gray and his wife, Louisa, who survives him, were marriage preparation counselors. Also survived by a son, Yannick; three step-daughters, Louise P. Thompson, Nancy Carlston and Dianne Ranno; and two half-brothers, Richard and Robert. Buried with full military honors at Beaufort National Cemetery. At AMA: 1st sergeant, C Company; Roller Rifles; swim team, track. Reported by **Alex Wattay, '53**.

John "Jack" Russell, '50
30 October 2011, Anne Arundel Medical Center Annapolis, 80. Jack earned a bachelor degree from the Catholic University in Washington, DC. Served as staff sergeant, USAF, 1951-1954. Project manager for Westinghouse Aerospace. Hobbies included boating, fishing, crabbing and entertaining good friends. Survived by his wife of 59 years, Lenore, and six children: John, Jr. of Annapolis, Michael of Seabrook, TX, Jeffrey of Silver Spring, MD, Maureen Huffner of Friendship, MD, Lenore Todd of Annapolis and Paul of Harve de Grace, MD; 13 grandchildren, John Russell, III, Katherine and Lauren Russell Conway, William and Angela Regan, Katie, Jacob, Krista and Andrew Huffner, Bryan and Alexandra Liller, and Joseph and Natalie Russell; and four great-grandchildren, John, V, Maddy Russell, Kayla Reagan and



**Colonel Kinnie,
1949 Recall**



**Jack Russell,
1950 Recall**

Olivia Liller. At AMA: 1st lieutenant, C Company; fencing, Honor Roll, intramurals, Tiger football, baseball, Roller Rifles, Honor Committee; *Ad Astra per Aspera*. Reported by **Bill Paxton, '50**.

James A. Snider, Jr., '49

10 January 2012, of Waynesboro, in Destin, FL, 83. After starting high school in Natural Bridge, Jim went into the Army near the end of World War Two returning to AMA after the war where he graduated. He was employed by Dominion Resources (Virginia Electric Power Company) 1950-68. Preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Jane, in 2008 and a son, James, in 1967. Survived by his son LTC Christopher Snider and a brother Edward. At AMA: Rifle team; JV football; B Company. Reported by **Frank Spencer, '49** who grew up with him in Natural Bridge.



**Jim Snider,
1949 Recall**

George

Detwiler, '50

22 November 2011, Las Cruces, NM. No details. At AMA: Private, B Company; Honor Roll; varsity football; intramurals; lacrosse. Reported by **Hollis Rulon, '50**.



**George Detwiler,
1950 Recall**

James W. Brady, '51

16 March 2009, in Dunedin, FL. No details. At AMA: Tiger and Peep football, junior basketball, C Company.

Wilber Webb, '51

17 December 2010, in Forest Hill, MD. No details. At AMA: A Company; rifle team, Honor Roll, junior baseball.

George M. Triple, III, '54

1988, no details. Served in the Army



**James Brady,
1951 Recall**



**Wilber Webb,
1951 Recall**



**George Triple,
1954 Recall**



**Thomas Lassell,
1954 Recall**

in the Korean War. Attorney. At AMA: varsity football, basketball, lacrosse, baseball, Honor Roll.

Thomas Lassell, '54

1 November 2008, Chester, VA. No details. At AMA: wrestling, Tiger football, sergeant, B Company

Harry Coyt Johnson, '56

20 January 2012, 72, at home in Richmond. Attended VMI and the University of Richmond. Served in the US Marine Corps at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola. Quality control manager at Reynolds Metals for 30 years. Survived by his wife, Dawn Johnson; sister, Keturah "Tooie" Taylor; brother, Mark; daughter, Jean Johnson Brown; and two grandchildren. At AMA: football; lacrosse; Cotillion Club; Honor Roll. Reported by **Lew Munding, '53**.



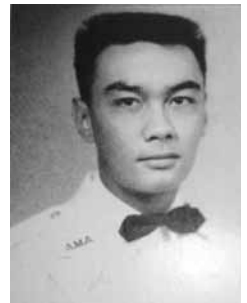
**H. C. Johnson,
1956 Recall**

Paul Duke Schnieder, '56

2006, in Perkaspie, PA. No details.



**Bob DeVignier,
1956 Recall**



**Enrico Leuterio,
1956 Recall**

Enrico Cortez Leuterio, '56

8 May 2008, Culpeper, VA. No details. At AMA: Master sergeant, Company A; Roller Rifles; baseball; basketball; football.

**Bob DeVignier,
'56**

2002, Ormond Beach, FL. No details. At AMA: Corporal, B Company.

Ray Gilbert, '57

31 May 2005, Amherst, VA. No details. At AMA: Headquarters Company, basketball, Cotillion Club.



**Ray Gilbert,
1957 Recall**

Robert Durst, '59 24 June 2010, at home, Noblesville, IN, 70. Owned and operated the Anvil Inn in Cicero, IN for 32 years. Elks, American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shriner and a Kentucky Colonel. Survived by his wife, Kathy; daughters Trish and Nicole Courtney; three grandchildren; two sisters and a brother, **Steve Durst, '60**. At AMA: Honor Roll; Honor Committee; Roller Rifles; Cotillion Club; 1st lieutenant, B Company; Tiger football.



**Bob Durst,
1959 Recall**

James Martin Talbott, '61

24 June 2011, 69, at Rockbridge Baths, VA. James' employment in-

cluded James Lees, Modine and Schewels Furniture Company. Outdoorsman. Survived by his wife, Tammy, and son, Jamie, both of Natural Bridge; a sister, Betty Anderson of Rockbridge Baths; two grandchildren: Jordan and McKenzie. At AMA: Private, E Company.



**Jim Talbott,
1961 Recall**

Alvie James Dorrington, '62
2 January 2012, pancreatic cancer, 68, at home in Kissimmee, FL. Lincoln Technical Institute in Philadelphia.



**Alvie
Dorrington,
1962 Recall**

Owner of A. J. Dorrington Refrigeration in Vineland, FL and Kissimmee. Bass fisherman, avid Phillie and Eagle fan, involved with local Little League. Survived by his loving companion, Mary Oursier; sister, Judith Sherban; son, Scott; and daughter, Kayley; and six grandchildren. At AMA: 1st lieutenant, C Company; Roller Rifles; varsity baseball and football; Cotillion Club. Reported by **Douglas Blair, '62**.

Edward William Parkins, Jr., '70
1 February 2012. (Story on page 25)

Roger Mullis, '76
19 September 2011, massive heart attack, 53, Goldendale, WA while on assignment as a professional photographer. At AMA: photographer, deer hunter.

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Support Bruce Hemp *(continued from page 21)*

can wash their clothes. She and her students are also sending food and body wipes as shower facilities in the northern part of the Helmand Province are non-existent. One other item is needed: shave cream (not gel) which can be used to mark a safe route once a dog or mine sweeper has gone through the area.

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The Fall 2012 *Bayonet* will call for nominees to be inducted at Reunion 2013 so ponder on who deserves the highest athletic honor that AMA can bestow.

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Dr. William Painter, long time AMA doc, dies in Fort Defiance

Dr. William G. Painter, Jr., AMA's physician for more than two decades, passed away on 7 October at home in Fort Defiance. Dr. Painter was 92.

After graduating from high school in Big Stone Gap, VA, Dr. Painter enrolled at Hampden-Sydney College and graduated in 1942 with a BS degree. He married Dorothy Broadwater in 1943, then attended the Medical College of Virginia where he graduated in 1945 in the Army Specialized Training Program.

Dr. Painter served his internship at the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans and for two years was an Army doctor based at Elgin AFB in Florida. In 1948, he established a medical practice at Mount Sidney, a quintessential country doctor who attended home births and visited patients throughout the region. During his 40 year practice, he served as the official AMA physician for more than 20 of those years.

Ed Click, '50, recalls that *"Dr. Painter was still active at the Augusta Medical Center when I returned to the Valley in 1983 and I think he retired around 1990. Dr. Sam Carter was his partner and both were marvelous people. Dr. Painter loved homemade bread and my wife, Sue, always baked him a couple of loaves every few months and we would go to visit him. The last couple of times, we didn't see him but left the bread for him. The Fall Festival at the Stone Church was a big moment for him each year. It was good to see him with the crowd there and to realize how well-loved he was. His first stop at the Festival would be at the baked goods table where he would pick up some of Sue's bread."*

Dr. Painter was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years. He is survived by a sister, Ann Lowell; two sons, William, III and James; a daughter, Elizabeth; two granddaughters and three great-granddaughters.



Dr. William Painter, 1958 Recall



Get a behind-the-scenes look at any NASCAR race left in 2012!

The highest bidder at the Reunion Silent Auction gets four (4) hot pit passes and four garage passes for the full NASCAR weekend!

The passes will allow you and three guests access to the garage and the hot pit for a NASCAR race of your choice.

Get up close and personal! Get photos and autographs of the drivers and the crew in the garage. Be on Pit Row for the entire race and stand by the Team's Pit Box of your choice to see the pit stops just a few feet in front of you! You will have access to the garage and the pit for the entire weekend!

A NASCAR fan's dream!

NASCAR races available after the 19-21 April reunion weekend

4/28 . . . Richmond International Raceway, Richmond 400	9/16 Chicagoland Speedway, GEICO 400
5/6 Talladega Superspeedway, Aaron's 499	9/23 . . . New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Sylvania 300
5/12 Darlington Raceway, Showtime Southern 500	9/30 Dover International Speedway, AAA 400
5/19 Charlotte Motor Speedway, Sprint Showdown	10/7 Talladega Superspeedway, AMP Energy 500
5/19 Charlotte Motor Speedway, Sprint All-Star Race	10/13 . . . Charlotte Motor Speedway, Bank of America 500
5/27 Charlotte Motor Speedway, Coca Cola 600	10/21 Kansas Speedway, Hollywood Casino 400
6/3 Dover International Speedway, FedEx 400	10/28 Martinsville Speedway, Turns 500
6/10 Pocono Raceway, Pocono 400	11/4 Texas Motor Speedway, AAA Texas 500
6/17 Michigan International Speedway, Heluva Good!	11/11 . Phoenix International Raceway, Kobalt Tools 500 (k)
6/24 . . . Infineon Raceway, Sonoma, Toyota/SaveMart 500	11/18 Homestead-Miami Speedway, Ford 400
6/30 Kentucky Speedway, Quaker State 400	
7/7 Daytona International Speedway, Coke Zero 400	
7/15 . . . New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Lenox Tools 301	
7/29 . . . Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Crown Royal 400	
8/5 Pocono Raceway, Pennsylvania 400	
8/12 Watkins Glen International, Heluva Good!	
8/19 . . . Michigan International Speedway, Pure Michigan 400	
8/25 . . . Bristol Motor Speedway, IRWIN Tools Night Race	
9/2 Atlanta Motor Speedway, AdvoCare 500	
9/8 Richmond International Raceway, Wonderful Pistachios	

To learn more about these races and other facts, log on to NASCAR.com. You can get information about each event plus suggestions for overnight accommodations. We owe a huge debt to Reed Nettles, '72, who this year joins his classmates in celebrating the 40th anniversary of their graduation from AMA!

Available only by bidding at the Reunion 2012 Silent Auction. Passes courtesy of Reed Nettles, '72.

Bud Allison, `60	Angus Hines, `42
Ray Anderson, `49	Lee Lewis, `77
Jerry Arnold, `66	John Maragon, FMS
Bobby Bowie, `47	Bill Mariner, `60
Bob Bradford, `50	Jack Meier, `55
Blaine Clarke, `72	Rob Overly, `62
John Congdon, `52	Chip Rosenthal, `68
Jim Councill, `49	Jorge Roviroso, `70
B. J. d'Orsay, `70	Ed Schonborn, `52
Tom DelValle, `73	Rick Smail, `67
Duke Fancher, `58	Luke Snyder, `60
Garry Granger, `71	Frank Williamson, `60

THE CHAIRMAN'S ROUNDTABLE is composed of AMA alumni and friends who pledge to donate at least \$1,000 a year to the AMA Alumni Foundation for a period of five years. Listed above are those who kept that commitment in 2011 and includes three new names: Ray Anderson, Jr., `49, Jerry Arnold, `66 and Angus Hines, `42. Thanks to all of you for "putting you money where your mouth is!"

These pledges enable us to plan for the AMA Museum, the AMA Legacy Scholarships and The Bayonet.

Won't you consider becoming a member of the Chairman's Roundtable? Follow B. J. d'Orsay's payment plan: \$83 a month equals just about \$1,000 a year and he says he hardly misses it! \$250 a quarter, \$500 twice a year or \$1,000 all at once. Your check or your debit or credit card. We can even make automatic payments for you if you so authorize. Any way you want to slice it! JUST DO IT! We need the money, yes, but we need your COMMITMENT all the more. Plan now to have YOUR NAME on the Chairman's Roundtable roster in the next issue of The Bayonet. Thank you!



Wreaths adorn Arlington National Cemetery at Christmas



Each year since 1992, the wreath company that provides holiday greenery for L. L. Bean, makes and donates more than 5,000 wreaths to be placed at headstones in the Arlington National Cemetery. Morrill Worcester, President of Worcester Wreath Company in Maine, started the event to honor our fallen heroes. For the past several years, **Greg Pearce**, '65, below, left, has been one of hundreds of volunteers who show up on a December Saturday to place the wreaths at the graves of the fallen.



This year, he searched out the final resting place of **Jason Arnette** who was killed in action in Iraq. Arnette was honored at the 2011 AMA Reunion when a portrait of him was presented to his family.

When Greg reached Jason's grave, there was Jason's mother, Michelle, below, right, decorating not only his grave but a tree nearby. Says Greg, *"She was very glad to see me and gave me a huge hug while expressing her thanks for all AMA did to honor her brave son."*



Confederate Reenactors to play key roles at reunion

As the nation commemorates what is known in the South as "The War Between the States," AMA's connection to that terrible conflict will be highlighted in Fort Defiance during Reunion 2012 on 20-21 April.

Indeed, the aftermath of the Civil War was the genesis for our school. **Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr.**, returning to the Valley after serving for nearly four years with J.E.B. Stuart's cavalry, found that many veterans had missed four years of schooling. Roller, who had attended the University of Virginia, soon began tutoring Confederate veterans in a building, long since demolished, near the Stone Church. As the student body grew from just a few Augusta County men, it began to take the shape of the place we all revere.

On Friday 20 April, the motorcoach tour will take reunion goers to two Civil War battlefields: the Battle of Piedmont which is just a cannon shot from the AMA campus, and the Battle of New Market where VMI cadets saved the day for the South. On board the motorcoach will be AMA Foundation Trustee **Dr. Mary DeCredico**, U. S. Naval Academy Professor of History and an expert on the Civil War.

Keene Byrd will portray Professor Roller

On Saturday morning 21 April at the Founder's Day ceremonies in the Stone Church Cemetery, **Keene Byrd, '59**, will portray Professor Roller in telling how our school began and what the Professor found when he came home from the war. Troopers in Confederate garb, some on horseback, will take part in Founder's Day ceremonies in front of Professor Roller's tomb. **Jerry Arnold, '66**, will present a sword to Professor Roller's great-granddaughter, **Linda Roller Livick**, during the event.

At the Saturday luncheon, Dr. DeCredico will describe what it was like in the Shenandoah Valley during the war and we will honor the late **Charlie Hillsman, '71**, who as a brigadier general in the Confederate reenactor group commanded Longstreet's Corps until his untimely death in December of 2000. Longstreet's Corps now has more than 1,200 members including 45 infantry units, nearly 30 artillery pieces and 50 cavalymen.

A group of reenactors will have a "Living History" exhibit in front of Big Barracks with examples of camp life during the war. There will be a small parade, a demonstration of cooking from the 1862 era and music will be provided by the Valley Pike Fife and Drum Corps. The cavalry troop will have their horses outfitted as they would have been 150 years ago.

At the end of the day Saturday, the Confederate reenactors, still in uniform, will be AMA's guests at Casino Night.

*"We owe a huge debt to **Nicky Syropoulos, '69**, and **Mark 'Henry' Femrite, '71**, who made the arrangements for the reenactors to be with us at the reunion," said President **Jorge Roviroso, '70**. "These fellows live and breathe the Civil War and give credit to **Charlie Hillsman** for first getting them involved. Thanks so much, Nicky and 'Henry' for bringing your fellow troopers to AMA."*

Roller Society is the way to help AMA after your lifetime

Thanks to the farsightedness of **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, when he was Chairman of the AMA Alumni Foundation, there is now in place a vehicle which enables alumni and friends to continue supporting AMA's mission after their lifetimes through bequests and wills..

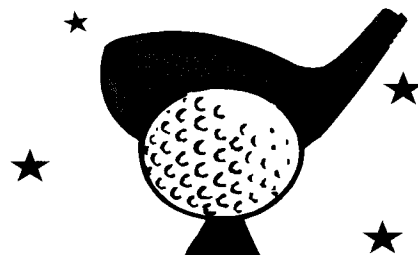
It is the Roller Society which now has more than 70 members. As the Roller Society logo infers, your gift will

The Roller Society

keep on giving, echoing over the years, enabling us to repeatedly fund programs that define who we are while assuring that your name will be remembered long after you are gone.

Plan now to add your name to the list of AMA friends who have made arrangements to continue giving after their lifetimes. The Roller Society roster will be published in the next *Bayonet*, so be sure to sign up by reunion time.

GOLF




Sponsor a hole at the 2012 AMA Open!

If you are playing in the 2012 AMA Open, you can sponsor a hole for \$50! If you are not playing, sponsor a hole for \$100 to show that you are supporting the players who will be raising money for AMA as they play!

**GET YOUR COMPANY TO SPONSOR A HOLE
OR HOLES AND WE'LL GIVE THEM CREDIT!**

Contact Mickey Toms at cmtoms@earthlink.net
or call him at 970/564-5904

The poster has a blue background decorated with playing cards and dice. On the left, there is a vertical strip of cards: the top shows three spades, followed by two more spades, and then a 9 of spades. On the right, there is a vertical strip of cards: the top shows a heart with a downward arrow, followed by three hearts, and then a 6 of clubs. At the bottom, there is a vertical strip of cards: the top shows a heart, followed by two more hearts, and then a 1 of hearts. In the center, there is a white rectangular area with rounded corners containing the text. Above the text, there are two dice: one showing a 2 and one showing a 1. Below the text, there are two more dice: one showing a 4 and one showing a 6. The text is in a bold, stylized font, with 'CASINO NIGHT' in a 3D effect, 'SPONSORS' in a serif font, and 'NEEDED' in a bold, blocky font. The background of the white area has faint, large numbers: a 2 on the left, a 6 on the right, and a 4 in the center.

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Register early for Reunion 2012 and save!

Casino Night Sponsors needed to have success

This is our annual appeal to alumni and friends of AMA to support our biggest money maker at the reunion – Casino Night!

Help make this Casino Night the outstanding success it has been these past few years.

Sponsor a full table for \$400 or a half table for \$200! Have your company sponsor a table (as Safeway does) or fund it yourself as so many of your fellow alumni have done in the past few years.

Your name or the name of your company will be on the table you sponsor and the MC will mention it several times during the evening. Your name or your company's name will be in the program and in *The Bayonet*.

You can do this with a tax deductible contribution to the AMA Alumni Foundation earmarked for Casino Night sponsorship. Or as a business expense to your company.

Get in touch with us at 540/248-3007 or at AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net.

Check, VISA, American Express, MasterCard or Discover.

WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU!

"The Ladies of AMA" can use your help at Reunion 2012. Under the inspired leadership of **Becky (Mrs. Garry, '71) Granger**, a cadre of dedicated wives and significant others helped in so many ways at last year's reunion. This year, **Anne (Mrs. Luke, '60) Snyder** will be chairing the ladies and you are urged to contact her to volunteer your services. It not only will be a big help but you will have more fun than you can imagine!

Convenient hotels for Reunion 2012

Make your reservations early for Reunion 2012. April is a busy time in the Valley and you need to get your reservation made early.

Stuart Hall is having its alumni reunion the same weekend as ours!

The Alumni Association does **NOT** make hotel reservations!

Reunion Headquarters Hotel

Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center

Exit 225 off I-81, 152 Fairway Lane, Staunton
540/248-6020 – \$89.99 per night plus tax

Best Western
Exit 222 off I-81
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